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Student cost spike looms. Bow Valley College reveals plans for tuition hike proposals to province

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Post-secondary students eyeing careers in nursing and other health-care fields could be on the hook for additional dough, according to the latest details released on so-called market-modifier tuition hikes being proposed by Calgary institutions.

Bow Valley College supplied to Metro on Thursday a breakdown of the increases it will seek in three programs.

The biggest jump — nearly 30 per cent — could be green lighted in the school's one-year health-care aid certificate program, with tuition jumping from $2,317 to $3,007.

College officials are also hoping to raise the total tuition cost in the two-year practical nursing campaign by 16 per cent to $10,234, as well the pharmacy technician offering by 22 per cent to $9,520.

In an emailed statement, Gayle Burnett, Bow Valley's vice-president of college services, said the hikes will keep the school competitive with other post-secondary institutions.

The University of Calgary had previously stated it will seek tuition hikes in law (24 per cent), engineering (nearly 32 per cent) and its graduate business administration program (18.5 per cent).

But fewer details have been provided by both Mount Royal University and SAIT, even with less than two weeks to go until the proposals must be sent on to the province.

At a forum Thursday, Mount Royal University identified its nursing, science and business administration programs as being in line for proposed hikes, but Kathryn Shailer, the school's vice-president and provost, said it was still being determined exactly how hard student wallets would be hit.

That wasn't good enough for science student Anne Neumann, who specifically questioned the provost on whether students would be consulted again once the exact amount of the hikes had been determined.

"She said most likely there's not going to be," Neumann recounted. "I've already applied for seven scholarships that don't even cover my full tuition. How many more do I have to apply for?"

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Jessica Chung is one of the stars of the Don't Stop BALLieving! squad that competes in the Calgary Recreational Dodgeball League. The sport — don't tell her it's not one — has seen a surge in popularity in recent years. To find out why and how to get involved, flip to pages 10-11. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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Prince William and his wife Kate have threatened legal action against a photographer, saying the paparazzo is suspected of placing their toddler son Prince George "under surveillance."

Calgary arenas take a stand on e-liminating e-cigarettes

Where there's no smoke. Saddledome, Northlands, McMahon all maintain theirs are non-smoking facilities

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Edmonton Northlands announced Wednesday that it is banning electronic cigarettes from its stadiums — a move that the Scotiabank Saddledome and McMahon Stadium made much earlier.

According to John Haverstock, McMahon's stadium manager, the ban on e-cigarettes began this CFL season.

"It's more from an enforcement standpoint," said Haverstock. "When there's smoking going on, it's often very difficult to discern from a distance exactly what kind of smoking is being done, so we decided to treat them, for the time being, the same as regular cigarettes."

Libby Raines, vice-president of building operations with the Calgary Flames, agrees.

"It's very difficult to tell what's an e-cigarette, what's a real cigarette, and we just like to have standard policy," said Raines. "It's a non-smoking facility."

Both Raines and Haverstock said they haven't had many issues regarding the inclusion of e-cigarettes in the non-smoking policy.

Some institutions in Calgary are using a more "wait-and-see" approach, and don't have clear policies on the issue.

"We have a no-smoking policy, but we don't have anything specifically prohibiting e-cigarettes," said Jody Moseley, spokesperson for the Calgary Airport Authority. "However, we're closely monitoring the trend, seeing what's going on, and assessing. We'll make a call on that when we see a bit more information."

The CBE hasn't directly banned e-cigarettes either, but said in a statement to Metro on Thursday that it takes direction from Alberta Health Services, and currently requires all of its facilities and properties to be smoke-free environments.

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Screening the smoke

- E-cigarettes are currently not regulated by law in Calgary or Alberta. Alberta's Health Minister, Stephen Mandel, said the use of e-cigarettes is something he wants the Alberta government to look into.
- The Calgary Catholic School District implemented a ban on e-cigarettes earlier this year. According to the district's spokesman, Sean Myers, the district saw a growing trend in e-cigarettes and wanted to make its tobacco regulations clear.
- Vancouver city council is currently debating a ban on e-cigarettes in the same areas regular cigarettes are banned. Council was scheduled to vote on Wednesday, but postponed because members needed more information.

A selection of nicotine containing products — or 'NCPs' — are displayed in London in 2013. Calgary pro-sports facilities are enacting rules around the use of e-cigarettes in stadiums and arena facilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teacher discipline not on radar

Dirks. Education minister doesn't see changing rules as a priority, though his predecessor blasted union officials for being too lenient

Alberta's new education minister appears cool to the idea of taking the power to discipline teachers away from the Alberta Teachers' Association union.

In fact, Gordon Dirks said this week he hasn't given any thought to the matter, which proved contentious earlier this year.

"That's not a priority of mine.... That's not been an issue that has even come up in briefing discussions with my officials," he told Metro.

"Whether I will look at something related to that in the future? It's something that's not even on my radar at this point in time."

Dirks' comments came in sharp contrast to those made by his predecessor, Jeff Johnson, who openly criticized current practices to discipline teachers after a handful of what he described as "alarming" cases surfaced.

In each case, a committee convened by the ATA slapped a series of years-long suspensions on the instructors, guilty of infractions related to violence and sexual acts involving students. Johnson later intervened to have the instructors permanently terminated.

In early June, months before he was shipped to the provincial Seniors Ministry, Johnson told Metro that leaving disciplinary powers in the hands of ATA representatives was "not an option."

"Not if we want to put our kids at the top of our criteria," he said at the time. "The protection of our children, it's not working as well as it needs to."

The provincial Task Force For Teaching Excellence, established by Johnson, recommended removing disciplinary powers from the ATA as part of a larger plan for improving the teaching profession.

The union, however, has said those teachers are almost never rehired after receiving such a blemish on their record.

Dirks, who was named an unelected education minister by Premier Jim Prentice, has met once with ATA president Mark Ramsankar and said he still hopes to find "middle ground" on some of the recommendations in the task force report.

For his part, Ramsankar said the task force was an initiative from the Johnson era, and Dirks has his own mandate to set.

"As the minister of education he's got the task of evaluating the system that he's going to be leading, and choosing the direction he'd like to go and the partners he'd like to work with to move that direction forward," he said.

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Discipline of teachers took centre stage under the tenure of former education minister Jeff Johnson, but it now appears to have taken a back seat under the new guidance of Gordon Dirks. METRO FILE

Trustee plans to keep job should MLA bid fail

Sheila Taylor, right, is seen with Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith on Wednesday. METRO

A public school trustee vying for the vacant MLA seat in Calgary-West says she will keep her current job if her new campaign is unsuccessful and would even sit in on one school board meeting without pay, should her peers require her to do so.

Elected Calgary Board of Education representative Sheila Taylor was announced Wednesday as the Wildrose candidate for the riding vacated by Ken Hughes and has taken an unpaid leave of absence until a byelection set for Oct. 27.

But the provincial School Act specifies that a trustee must receive an excusal from fellow board members if they are to miss three consecutive meetings — there are three such gatherings between now and Calgary-West's voting day.

Trustees will hold a special meeting Friday at 1:30 p.m. to address Taylor's leave request.

"I'm absolutely expecting that they're going to approve that request, and if they don't and they would like me to attend a meeting, I'm happy to do that and would do that without taking any pay because I feel it's the right thing to do," Taylor said. "I'm very hopeful that I'm successful in Calgary-West, but if I'm not I would go back to serving on the board."

Fellow CBE trustee Trina Hurdman vouched for Taylor in an interview Thursday.

"As of right now I don't see any problem with it," she said of the leave. "Even if she was at a board meeting, her thoughts would obviously be elsewhere. I want people at a board meeting to be focused on the issues at hand.

"I think this is very reasonable because it's only for four weeks — if it was a six-month-long campaign I might think differently."

Another board member, Ward 8 and 9 representative Judy Hehr, declined to say whether she thought Taylor's leave was appropriate.

"We will now check into those regulations and make a decision given those," she said.

"What you want me to do is talk as a person ... I'm selecting not to."

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‘The Funniest Real Estate Video Tour.’ Local agent aims for laughs and sales

If you’re in the market for a condo in Calgary, a listing just came up that may pique your interest — or at least put a smile on your face.

It’s a real-estate video with a charming twist, a comedic take on the classic home tour. The video was posted online a few days ago and has since garnered over 450 views as well as tweets and phone calls to the listing agent: Reilly LePage.

“We wanted to find the opportunity to do something different,” said LePage, who worked with a production company on the video. “We’re testing the waters, I would say.”

The piece is the brainchild of Ajay Bhandari, founder of Sona Visual. He has been making real-estate videos in Calgary for a while, but this is his comedic debut.

“Everyone wants to play it safe when they’re doing real estate, I find,” said Bhandari. “I can’t imagine people wanting to watch something that’s sometimes rather dry.”

Bhandari said the response has been great so far.

The online popularity hasn’t yet translated to a sale, but LePage says if his clients are interested in the comedic approach, he’s game for another video. HELEN PIKE/METRO

Check it out

To see the video, visit metronews.ca.

A video shows Reilly LePage in his debut as a comedic Calgary real-estate agent. SCREENGRAB

Crowchild Trail

Gas-line repairs to cause big delays

City officials are warning of “major delays” on Crowchild Trail in the coming weeks as ATCO performs gas-line repairs.

Starting Friday, the lanes closest to the concrete barrier on north and southbound Crowchild will be closed entirely at 54th Avenue S.W.

The speed limit in the adjacent lanes will be reduced to 50 km/h, according to a release Thursday. METRO

Glenmore Trail

Delays expected for water main installation

A water-main installation spells delays for your daily commute, starting Oct. 6.

Two westbound lanes on Glenmore Trail S.E. will be closed 8 p.m. through 5 a.m. on weekdays and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. Heritage Drive will intermittently close single lanes. The work will take about two months to complete. METRO

Payday loan stores are under the microscope as a trio of Calgary councillors look to reduce the prevalence of the businesses. YASMIN JASWAL/FOR METRO

Councillors fighting to curb ‘cash stores’

Exploiting the needy?

Association president claims politicians use payday loan stores as scapegoats for poverty

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Claiming payday loan stores leech funds from the needy, three city councillors are pushing for bylaw amendments that would cut down on their prevalence.

A notice of motion put forward by Couns. Brian Pincott, Druh Farrell and Andre Chabot notes that the users of such businesses — dubbed “cash stores” by Chabot — are predominantly low-wage earners.

“Rather than helping people, it’s actually hurting them,” Chabot said of the businesses, which offer cash advances in exchange for a fee. “It takes away what little disposable income they might have, had they been able to go to a financial institution.”

Proponents argue that the industry is strictly regulated, but Chabot said he’s heard tales of shady practices in such establishments.

“You would not believe it,” he said. “Some people use them for tax evasion. They get a job, they get a cheque, they go and cash the cheque and they never report it as income because the traceability is slim to none.”

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Alberta payday lenders are allowed to charge a maximum of 23 per cent interest on the principal amount issued to a borrower, which can be up to $1,500.

But Stan Keyes, president of the Canada Payday Loans Association, said the 20 licensed companies he represents are often seen as “low-hanging fruit” for politicians to point the finger at when addressing poverty.

“The truth is that, among other small-sum credit options, a payday loan may be the smartest option,” he said.

“I ask those councillors to put themselves in the borrower’s shoes for just a moment. These loans, for example, are less expensive than a series of overdrafts or defaulting on an auto-loan or a mortgage. They’re a better deal than having the electricity or the heat or even the telephone turned off.”

The motion, due to come before city council Monday, asks city administrators to clearly define what constitutes a “payday-loan business” as well potentially amend land-use bylaws to set a minimum distance requirement between such establishments. In addition, the councillors are seeking a separate fee structure for payday loan business applications.

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Putting the breaks on being pissed

The moment I handed in my license plate, so, too, went my near-constant levels of road rage and stress. It's liberating knowing that I can go basically wherever I want in the city, without the anger and fear that comes with driving. I don't even remember what the Deerfoot looks like anymore.

A few months ago, I did something that I think a lot of people are considering doing lately.

(No, not cutting cable. That would be ridiculous. I would stop eating before I cut the cable.)

I decided to sell my car, which in a car-crazy city such as Calgary, seems unfathomable.

I'm here to tell you that it's probably the best thing I've ever done for myself.

As of 2012, there were 895,357 cars registered in Calgary.

That's a shocking amount of cars, considering there are 1.2 million people living in Calgary. If the mall is any indication, most of them are children.

At first, non-scientific glance, it would seem like a lot of people own more than one car, which explains why our roadways are constantly busy. It used to be just in the morning and after work, but now, as I'm sure you've noticed, it's all the time.

Every street is packed with cars. I'm not sure if our lives have gotten busier or if people are just using their cars for every little trip, but it seems that Calgarians are living in a near constant state of rush hour.

So after years of frustration, I decided it was time for my car to go.

It took a while to sell because, like homes, it seems as if Calgarians want only new ones. But eventually I sold it and I haven't looked back once.

It's not like I don't drive; we still have a car in our household, though I use it maybe once every 10 days, usually when the craving for an Ikea hot dog becomes unbearable.

But most of the time I rely on either walking, biking, Car2Go, CTrain and if I'm going to the mountains, I rent a car.

In case you didn't know, Calgary's hotel and car rental rates plummet on the weekend, you can usually get a great new car for about $50 and a fancy hotel for around $119.

If you really think about it, there are plenty of ways to get around the city, without ever really having to worry about rush hour traffic, parking and vandalism.

Now, of course, it wouldn't be fair to say people should get rid of their cars. I don't have kids, nor do I have a dog, and my grocery store is just down the street. But I can't help but notice that I've become a nicer person since getting rid of my car.

The moment I handed in my license plate, so, too, went my near-constant levels of road rage and stress.

It's liberating knowing that I can go basically wherever I want in the city, without the anger and fear that comes with driving. I don't even remember what the Deerfoot looks like anymore.

Plus, late at night, when I'm feeling a little guilty about eating a large bag of all-dressed chips, I remember that I spent a lot of the day walking or biking around, which is exercise that I wasn't getting before. And if that means I can eat more chips, then getting rid of my car has been totally worth it.

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Peter Doroshuk on his way to deliver food ordered through SkipTheDishes.ca ANDREW SCHELLENBERG

A delicious dinner, sans dish-pan hands

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SkipTheDishes.ca links local eateries with delivery service

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Don't want to scrub up that silverware tonight? More than 200 local restaurants are now at the fingertips of Calgarians who want a break from dish duty after their meals.

SkipTheDishes.ca was created by four people from Saskatoon who had two things in common — they love food, and were sick of only being able to order pizza and Chinese food.

Pots n' places

- SkipTheDishes currently offers its services to six cities in Canada — Calgary, Edmonton, Red Deer, Regina, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

"For us as the founding team, we really love food, and we want to get it delivered to our homes," said co-founder Andrew Chau. "We work with restaurants to deliver to customers and take care of the entire process for them."

The website first launched in 2013 in Saskatoon, with 20 restaurants signed up for the service. Now, that city has 750 restaurants to choose from. Chau and his team then decided to expand, launching websites in five more cities including Calgary.

"There was that innate need in Calgary for something like this," said Chau. "There are so many great restaurants here and being able to get those restaurants delivered just makes it that much better."

According to Chau, restaurants in the city have been receptive to the service, and the team plans to expand from restaurants in the city's core to those in more residential areas.

A SkipTheDishes app is also expected to be released in November, making it even easier for Calgarians to get their favourite food delivered to their doors.

Body found

Grisly discovery in charred house

Human remains have been found in a home north of Edmonton that was destroyed by fire.

RCMP say firefighters were called Wednesday morning to the residence northwest of Boyle. It took crews a number of hours to extinguish the blaze.

The remains were found when firefighters searched the debris. Forensics investigators have been called to the scene.

They will work with the medical examiner in Edmonton to identify the remains. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Accident in question. RCMP probing death of four-year-old girl

Mounties are investigating the death of a four-year-old girl in an aboriginal community in central Alberta.

RCMP say the child was injured in an accident Sept. 18 while playing outside with other children in Maskwacis, formerly known as Hobbema, about 85 kilometres south of Edmonton.

She died nine days later in hospital.

RCMP spokeswoman Sgt. Josee Valiquette said Thursday that police became involved the day after the accident because of the severity of the girl's injuries. She wouldn't say how the girl was hurt.

"There was an accident but, until we can be sure this is the cause of her death, we're involved in this matter," said Valiquette.

"We want to make sure there is no criminal element to this."

She said an autopsy has been completed but results likely won't be available for a few weeks.

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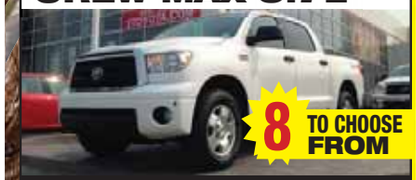

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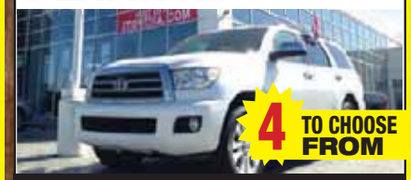

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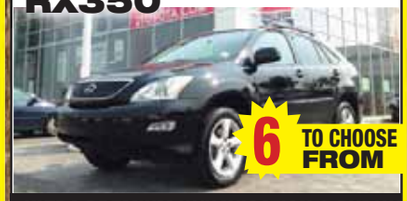

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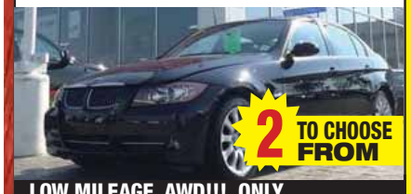

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Wildrose promises speedy school construction

Alberta's Wildrose Opposition says it would commit $2 billion over four years to break a bottleneck on school construction.

The party's education critic, Bruce McAllister, says the Wildrose would complete 50 schools provincewide that were promised by the governing Progressive Conservatives in 2012, but have yet to be built.

McAllister says the Wildrose would speed up construction by allowing a wider range of qualified construction companies to bid on the work.

"Albertans are ready to send the PCs a message that they want real action on classrooms for our kids instead of broken promises and more of the same from a tired and out-of-touch PC government," McAllister said.

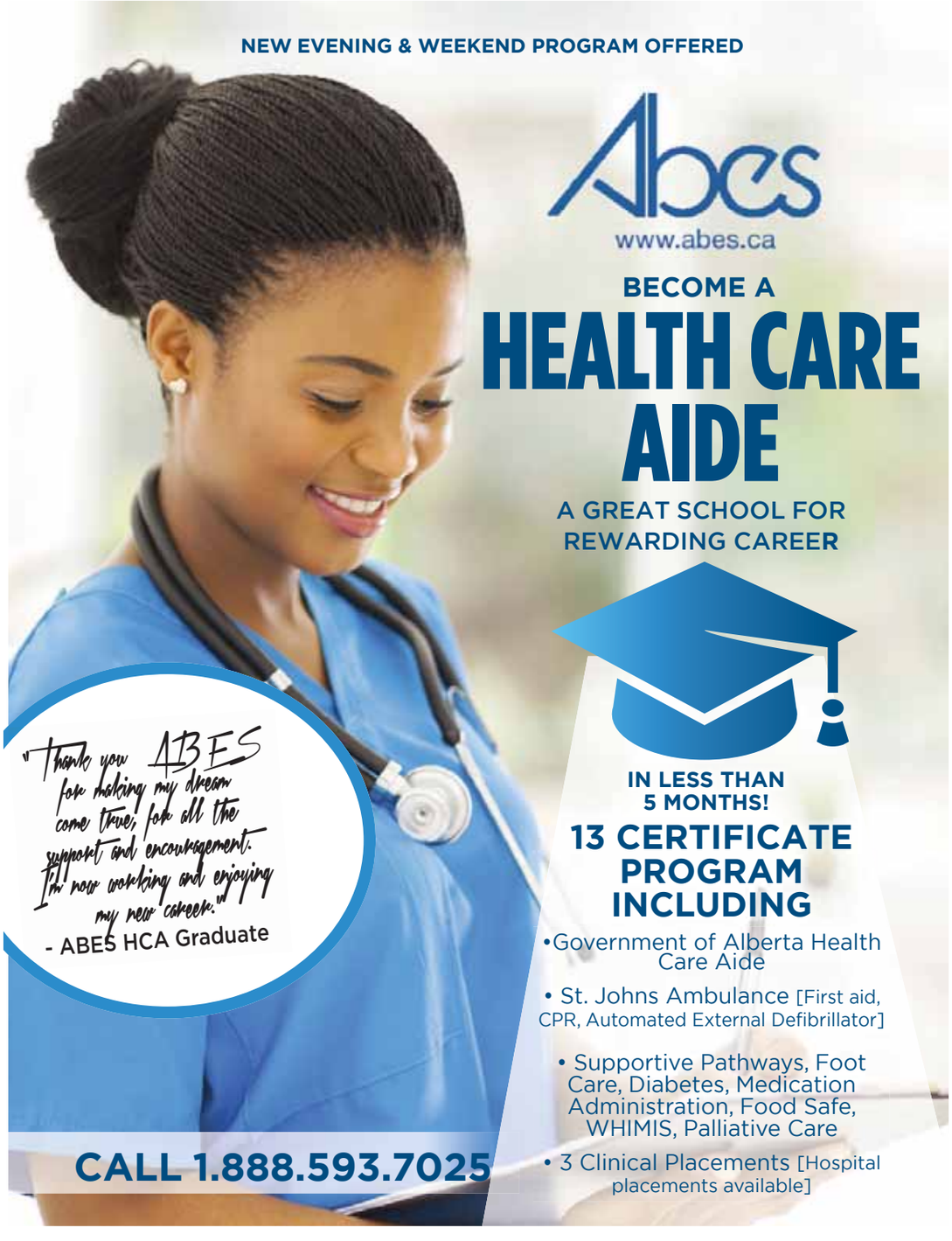
Quoted

"Wildrose is committed to building more than just starter schools, but the full schools Alberta students need today and in the future."

Bruce McAllister, Alberta Wildrose Opposition's education critic

Premier Jim Prentice has promised to complete the 50 schools and has launched a series of modular-based so-called starter schools in Calgary to get students into classrooms sooner.

McAllister made the announcement in Calgary alongside school trustee Sheila Taylor. Taylor, who was announced as a Wildrose candidate Wednesday, is running for a seat in the Oct. 27 byelection in Calgary-West. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Competitors are seen at a past dodgeball event organized by the Calgary Sport &

Elementary still popular

Get outta dodge! Don't tell these guys and gals that dodgeball isn't a real sport

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Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller ain't got nuthin' on Calgary's dodgeball crew.

The brand of game played late at night in gymnasiums around this city features high-velocity tosses, precision catches and reflexes worthy of a seasoned martial artist.

But the roots of the game that thousands of adults have come to love — and take very seriously — harkens back to elementary school.

"The initial draw is nostalgia," explained Cole Jordan, co-manager of the Calgary Recreational Dodgeball League. "Everybody remembers dodgeball from gym class and, typically, remembers it fairly fondly. It's just a chance to go and play the game and relive that youth."

Jordan and a friend started the league in 2010 and have since seen it grow to include 350 members spread out across 32 teams featuring colourful names.

One upcoming game will feature members from the Big Balls and Nice Snatches squad going head-to-head with a group known as Great Balls of Fire.

Jessica Chung's Don't Stop BALLieving! team opened up their Wednesday-night league season with back-to-back wins. She's been playing competitively for six years and has no thoughts of putting down the rubber ball any time soon.

"It's more fun when you're an adult because you're not as scared of the ball," Chung said. "It's a great workout. It's hard for me to motivate myself to go to the gym, so being here on a team with all of your friends every week and getting good exercise is awesome."

Recent figures from city-sponsored advocacy group Sport Calgary would suggest that Chung is far from alone in her love of the game. The last time the organization polled athletic associations and teams on their membership levels in 2008, dodgeball didn't even register. Fast-forward to 2013 and it's believed there are 4,000 registered competitors citywide.

The Calgary Sport & Social Club, meanwhile, has spurred an evolution of the game, offering up beach dodgeball in the summer as well as rubber, foam and multi-format versions indoors.

Michelle Harrison, the club's

Social Club. COURTESY CALGARY SPORT & SOCIAL CLUB

school sport among adults

The many kinds of dodgeball

Versions of the game played by Calgary Sport & Social Club

- **Dr. Dodgeball:** This brand of dodgeball is comprised of two teams. Both choose a secret doctor, voodoo or medical. Players, when hit with the ball, sit down in place and are then "cured" by the doctor's touch. If doc is hit the players die on site — because medicine.
- **Prisonball:** Two teams line up on their sides of the court. When the prison ward says "go!" it's a race to the centre to get the ball. If someone is hit with the ball, the player must march off to the other team's jail. Prisoners await a stray ball, which is apparently all you need for a prison break these days.
- **Protect the President:** Players form a vicious circle where inside the president and his bodyguard try to evade the ball. The bodyguard gets the joy of being a human target, but if the president gets hit there's trouble. Well, actually the president turns into the bodyguard and then if it happens again a new president and bodyguard duo move into the centre. HELEN PIKE/METRO

senior marketing and special-events manager, said the sport really took off after the 2004 movie Dodgeball hit the big screen. When the club introduced dodgeball programming in 2006, there were 224 teams, with 6-10 members each. Last year, however, that number surged to 428 teams.

Harrison deflected any talk that the game isn't a real sport.

"If you say it's not a sport you're going to have a lot of angry dodgeball players," she said, later adding: "One thing people don't realize is just how much strategy and team involvement there really is."

The Sport & Social Club has recently introduced $5 drop-in dodgeball the first Friday of every month — head to calgarysportsclub.com/dodgeball for more information.

Record drug bust

Police arrest four people after $10M steroid drug bust in Edmonton

Police are calling it the largest steroid bust in Canadian history after nearly $10 million in drugs and manufacturing supplies were seized last week.

Members of Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams unveiled the bust, lining several tables with candy-coloured pills, packs of tiny glass vials and Ziploc bags packed with powder.

Police seized more than 365,000 tablets, 10,000 vials, 124 kilograms of raw steroids and an assortment of drug precursors and additives. Four people were arrested, including the investigation's target, 40-year-old Kirk Goodkey. Goodkey allegedly manufactured steroids and sold them nationwide. METRO

New devices

AHS to get special MRI compatible defibrillator

Albertans with back joint problems, risk of stroke and certain cancers now have new technology to help with diagnoses. Foothills Medical Centre will be the first in the West to use implantable defibrillators.

Unlike traditional defibrillators, these new devices are able to work without malfunctioning during an MRI.

Defibrillators are placed under the skin to correct life-threatening, irregular hearth rhythms, allowing medical professionals to diagnose a range of conditions.

The Centre is one of 55 sites in Canada participating in a two-year international study with the defibrillator. METRO

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Farm to plate: Grow Calgary to get fresh with city meals

Fundraising time.
Harvest goes directly to food bank and the farm runs solely on volunteer work

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Grow Calgary has teamed up with MARKET restaurant for a fundraising event that will give Calgarians a three-course veggie fix — from farm to plate within hours.

Grow Calgary is the country's largest urban agricultural farm, and its harvest goes directly to Calgary's food bank. The farm runs solely on volunteer work and donations.

"We decided to have a fundraiser to raise money for Grow Calgary but also to get some more awareness in the community," said Amanda Weightman, event co-ordinator for Grow Calgary. "Not only about what we do, but how very simple it is to get fresh, local, organic food to people in the city who need it."

The meal will be as fresh as it gets. Volunteers will go to the farm the day of the event to harvest the vegetables, which will then be transported to MARKET's executive chef Dave Bohati, who is in charge of creating the three dishes.

Quoted

"Every course will be about doing something interesting with vegetables."

Amanda Weightman, event co-ordinator for Grow Calgary

"Every course will be about doing something interesting with vegetables," said Weightman.

The menu has not yet been set, but Weightman says Bohati has ideas, and the Grow Calgary team is keeping him updated on the progress of the vegetables growing in its greenhouse. According to Weightman, each meal will also be paired with a freshly pressed vegetable-based juice.

Grow Calgary plans on using the money from this fundraiser for expansions. It wants to gain access to land around the farm's current 11 acres to become more accessible to every community in the city, and expand across the country.

The event will be held on Sunday, Oct. 26 and tickets are $100 each, with all proceeds going to Grow Calgary. For more information, visit blog.growcalgary.ca.

Amanda Weightman shows off freshly harvested carrots from Grow Calgary's greenhouse. JACK GOODWIN/FOR METRO

'Death Highway.' Twinning on track

The twinning of Alberta's "Death Highway" to Fort McMurray will be done as promised by the fall of 2016, Premier Jim Prentice announced Thursday.

"We have as of today now signed the final contract to complete the twinning of Highway 63," Prentice told an audience in the oilsands city.

He said 22 per cent of the 240-kilometre stretch of road is twinned. That figure will go up to 78 per cent by next year with completion the year after that.

The province will spend $423 million this year on the project — about double what it spent last year.

The road has been the site of frequent traffic snarls due to slow-moving oversized trucks. It is also known for multiple head-on crashes, cars hitting the ditch, high-speed tailgating and drivers going at dangerous speeds of 160 km/h or higher.

For six years, the Progressive Conservative government did little to fulfil its promise to twin the road. That changed in the spring of 2012 when a head-on crash killed seven people and galvanized the public to demand action.

On Thursday, Prentice reminded Albertans that the government had kept its promise about twinning Highway 63, but didn't mention Redford or her contribution.

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Justify combat role: Trudeau to Harper

War in Iraq.
Previous prime ministers have built a non-partisan case for wars, but not Harper, says the Liberal leader

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau following a Canada2020 event in Ottawa on Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is playing political games with the lives of Canadian soldiers as he prepares to send them to war against Islamic extremists in Iraq, Justin Trudeau charged Thursday.

The Liberal leader said Harper has made no attempt to justify a combat mission or to foster an all-party consensus on the issue.

Indeed, Trudeau said the prime minister seems to relish casting himself as the lone tough guy among federal leaders.

"Unlike prime ministers for decades before him, Mr. Harper has made no effort to build a non-partisan case for war," Trudeau told a conference hosted by Canada2020, a progressive think-tank.

"Instead, he dares us to oppose his war, staking out not moral territory, but political territory."

Trudeau said he hasn't yet decided whether Liberals will support a combat mission, but made it clear his inclination is to have Canada stick to a non-combat role in the U.S.-led fight against the militant ISIS group (a.k.a. ISIL).

"Why aren't we talking more about the kind of humanitarian aid that Canada can and must be engaged in, rather than trying to whip out our CF-18s and show them how big they are? It just doesn't work like that in Canada."

Harper is expected to announce Friday that Canada will deploy CF-18 fighter jets to take part in airstrikes against the militants in Iraq.

Conservatives struck back at Trudeau. "Our involvement in the fight against ISIL is, and has been, motivated by a desire to do our part in fighting a group that has made direct terrorist threats against Canada and Canadians, in addition to carrying out atrocities ... in the region," said Jason MacDonald, the PM's spokesman. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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National day of mourning declared after 15 killed in factory explosion

Bulgaria. Civil defence chief says blast was likely result of 'human error'

Fifteen people were confirmed dead Thursday in a blast at an explosives decommissioning factory in northwestern Bulgaria.

Civil Defence chief Nikolai Nikolov said that 13 men and two women perished in the wake of the blast that left craters. Three others were taken to hospital with injuries.

The explosion occurred near the village of Gorni Lom, some 120 kilometres north of the capital, Sofia, late Wednesday. Police said smaller explosions continued for several hours.

At the time of the blast, 12 workers and three people from the plant management were at the site decommissioning Greek land mines.

Nikolov said the cause of the explosions at the factory, owned by a private Bulgarian company, was probably "human error."

The blast was so strong that several buildings at the plant were razed to the ground, Nikolov said, adding that the devastation at the site was so complete that "no traces whatsoever of bodies could be seen."

The government declared a day of national mourning on Friday, and the political parties suspended their campaigns for parliamentary elections, which are scheduled for Sunday.

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Region

The plant is located in northwestern Bulgaria, considered to be the poorest region in the European Union.

- The region has an unemployment rate above 20 per cent.
- Labour Minister Yordan Hristoskov said on Thursday that workers at the plant had received a monthly wage of 120 euros (US $154).

Empty wooden boxes are seen on the road that leads toward an ammunition factory in the village of Gorni Lom, Bulgaria. Fifteen people were confirmed dead in a blast at the village's explosives decommissioning factory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand. Workers from Myanmar admit to killing tourists: Police

Two workers from Myanmar confessed on Thursday that they killed two British tourists whose battered bodies were found last month on a beach in southern Thailand, police said.

The announcement followed weeks of pressure on police to solve a case that has threatened to damage Thailand's important tourism industry.

Police Maj. Gen. Kiattipong Khawsamang said three Myanmar workers were detained and questioned by police, and two had admitted to murdering Hannah Witheridge, 23, and David Miller, 24.

The attack dealt a blow to Thailand's tourist industry, which has been struggling to recover since the army overthrew an elected government and seized power in May. Martial law remains in effect.

The bodies of the two tourists were discovered on Sept. 15 in a rocky alcove along the shore close to the hotel where both were staying.

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Egypt

Judge that sentenced hundreds to death demoted

The Egyptian judge who oversaw mass death sentence cases against Islamist supporters of the country's ousted president, drawing world criticism, has been removed from his criminal court, officials and the judge himself told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Said Youssef said he was notified on Sunday that he was removed from "criminal judiciary" to "civilian judiciary." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ottawa

Parties deciding where they stand on ISIS issue ahead of vote

Opposition parties are staking out their positions ahead of a vote expected next week on whether Canada should enter a combat mission against extremists in Iraq.

While parliamentary approval isn't mandatory in order to send soldiers into combat or to participate in airstrikes, Prime Minister Stephen Harper has already said the matter will be subject to a debate and a vote.

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Libya. Renegade leader says seven killed, dozen wounded in suicide car bombing

Two suicide car bombings near an eastern airport in Libya killed seven troops and wounded 12 people Thursday, a spokesman for a renegade general said, as fierce clashes erupted nearby between the general's forces and the extremist militias trying to take over the airfield.

Col. Mohammed Hegazi said that the bombers targeted checkpoints one kilometre away from the Benina airport in Benghazi.

The airport is the only site still under the control of renegade Gen. Khalifa Hifter, who was defeated by a coalition of Islamist militias, including the extremist group Ansar al-Shariah.

That group is blamed for the deadly Sept. 12, 2012, assault on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

Hegazi said that the Hifter-allied Libyan air force later launched airstrikes to prevent the Islamist militias from taking over the airport.

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Hong Kong's leader won't resign, but is willing to talk

Calling for Leung's resignation. Police warn of serious consequences if protesters move to occupy gov't buildings

Hong Kong's embattled leader refused demands by pro-democracy protesters to resign Thursday, and instead offered talks to defuse a week of massive demonstrations that have grown into the biggest challenge to Beijing's authority since China took control of the former British colony in 1997.

The Hong Kong Federation of Student said in a statement early Friday that they planned to join the talks with the government, focused specifically on political reforms. They reiterated that Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying step down, saying he "had lost his integrity."

A wider pro-democracy group that had joined the demonstrations, Occupy Central, welcomed the talks and also insisted that Leung quit.

Occupy Central "hopes the talks can provide a turning point in the current political stalemate," it said in a statement. "However, we reiterate our view that Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying is the one responsible for the stalemate, and that he must step down."

Leung's comments came at a news conference held just minutes before the protesters' midnight deadline for him to quit.

"I will not resign," he said.

The students had threatened to surround or occupy government buildings if Leung did not step down, and the police had warned of serious consequences if the protesters carried out that threat.

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Apps for spying?

The Chinese government might be using smartphone apps to spy on pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong, a U.S. security firm said.

- The applications are disguised as tools created by activists, said the firm, Lacoon Mobile Security. It said that once downloaded, they give an outsider access to the phone's address book, call logs and more.

Student protesters raise their hands to show their non-violent intentions as they resist during change of shift for local police but backed down after being reassured they could reoccupy the pavement outside the government compound's gate Thursday, in Hong Kong. WONG MAYE-E/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Student pro-democracy activists use their smartphones while sitting on the streets near the government headquarters Thursday, in Hong Kong.
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FireChat

Digital tools become gear for protesters

Just as protesters in Egypt depended on Twitter three years ago, the latest digital tools have become required gear for tens of thousands of people demanding democratic reforms on the streets of Hong Kong.

Many of the demonstrators are glued to the smartphone app FireChat, which lets them communicate even if cellphone networks jam or go down. The protesters just have to turn on their Bluetooth connections within 70 metres from anyone else using the app to see the messages sent by the entire chat group, creating a daisy-chain effect.

Cellphone networks and websites continue to work normally in Hong Kong, although protesters ran into slow network connections this week when trying to use their devices at the same time.

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This undated family photo provided by Jennifer Cramblett shows her daughter Payton. Cramblett and her partner, Amanda Zinkon, are suing Midwest Sperm Bank after she became pregnant with sperm donated by a black man instead of a white man, as they had intended. Cramblett was pregnant with Payton, 2, when the mistake was discovered. COURTESY OF JENNIFER CRAMBLETT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio woman sues clinic over sperm donor error

'How could they make a mistake?'
Chicago-area sperm bank inseminated lesbian couple with a sample from the wrong man: Lawsuit

A woman has sued a Chicago-area sperm bank after she became pregnant with sperm donated by a black man instead of a white man as she and her partner had intended.

Within days of her marriage to Amanda Zinkon in New York, Jennifer Cramblett became pregnant with the donor sperm.

However in April 2012 when Cramblett — then five months pregnant — called Midwest Sperm Bank LLC near Chicago to reserve the same sperm for Zinkon in hopes she, too, would one day also have a child, she was told by an employee, according to a lawsuit filed Monday, that she had been inseminated with sperm from the wrong donor.

"How could they make a mistake that was so personal?" Cramblett said during a telephone interview on Wednesday.

According to the lawsuit, her excitement about the pending birth was replaced with anger, disappointment and fear.

"They took a personal choice, a personal decision and took it on themselves to make that choice for us out of pure negligence," Cramblett said.

A woman who answered the phone at Midwest Sperm Bank declined to comment and said an attorney would provide an official statement.

Cramblett said that she and Zinkon love their daughter Payton, 2, and would not change a thing about her. Yet they worry about her being brought up in a predominantly white community — Uniontown, Ohio, where they had moved due to the quality of the education system — feeling she may be mistreated due to her skin colour.

Cramblett said her reason for filing the suit — which seeks a minumum of $50,000 in damages — is to ensure it doesn't happen to another couple. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Animal cruelty

Four charged in chicken killings

Deputies in central California have arrested four people — one adult and three juveniles — suspected of breaking into a Foster Farms chicken ranch and killing more than 900 birds.

Fresno County sheriff's officials acting on several tips Wednesday tracked down 18-year-old Gabriel Quintero of Riverdale. Also taken into custody were two male juveniles, ages 15 and 17, from Caruthers, and a third male juvenile, age 17, from Lemoore. All have been charged with burglary and felony cruelty to animals.

Investigators say the suspects pulled back a fence Sept. 20 to gain access to a shed south of Fresno and massacred 920 chickens with a golf club. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online shopping

Need any body bags, honey?

The Dutch government is selling off 2,500 body bags in an online auction.

Rob Meijer, commercial director of BVA Auctions, said Thursday his company sells plenty of strange stuff, but this one is special.

Meijer says there hasn't been a great deal of interest — except from the media — in the unusual offer. The bags are being sold in a single lot, which has a minimum price of 4,000 euros. The auction closes on Oct. 6.

He thinks an organization like a relief agency could be interested in buying the bags.

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Hector Beltran Leyva.
Alleged Mexican drug cartel boss captured

Hector Beltran Leyva, the purported head of a feared Mexican drug gang allegedly run by his family, became the fourth brother to fall when soldiers grabbed him while dining at a seafood restaurant.

No shots were fired during the operation in San Miguel de Allende, a popular enclave for foreigners and artists in the central state of Guanajuato, federal criminal investigations chief Tomas Zeron said Wednesday night.

With the arrest, Mexico's government landed another high-profile blow against the country's cartels. At least nine capos have been killed or captured by security forces since 2009, including elusive Sinaloa cartel boss Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, one of the world's most wanted men.

Zeron said Beltran Leyva had adopted a "moderate profile" after becoming head of the cartel to avoid detection. An 11-month investigation determined he had made his home in the central state of Queretaro, where he passed himself off as a businessman selling art and real estate, Zeron said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cartel's decline and rise

Mexican authorities have said Hector Beltran Leyva, 49, assumed leadership of the family's cartel after his brother Arturo was killed by troops in a gunbattle in late 2009. Two other brothers are behind bars for their involvement in the cartel.

- The Beltran Leyva gang terrorized parts of central Mexico for years. It declined somewhat after the brothers' arrests and killing, but the U.S. Treasury Department said last November that the cartel appeared to be reorganizing and regaining some power.

Wary Ukrainians set for years of conflict

Uneasy ceasefire.
Majority of people lack confidence in Russia, not sure peace will be stable, observer says

A man watches smoke rise after shelling near the airport in the town of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Thursday, as pro-Russian rebels advanced on the government-held airport. DARKO VOJINOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since Ukraine's conflict with Russia erupted, Oleksandr Federenko has gone from village kid to army cadet, trading computer games for knife-throwing classes and morning marches. He is only 13.

Federenko and his friends are part of what Ukraine's Ministry of Defence says is a 13.7 per cent increase in applications to military-run high schools this year alone.

The Ukrainian government's campaign against pro-Russian rebellion in the east has united people of all ages in a newfound patriotic fervour. Army ads dominate TV stations, war heroes are at the top of every party's list for this month's parliamentary election and defence issues — once an afterthought in Ukraine — now lead the agenda.

Although many Ukrainians are ready to give a ceasefire called last month a chance, they see it only as a temporary fix and are digging in for years of confrontation, if not outright war, with Russia. President Petro Poroshenko has struggled to sell his deal with Russia and the separatists to a skeptical home audience.

"Solving the war in (the eastern regions of) Luhansk and Donetsk with the military alone is impossible," he said in a recent interview. "The more military groups we have there, the more the Russian army will send."

Although Poroshenko says the "most dangerous part of the war" in the east has passed, fatal clashes continue, particularly at the government-held airport near Donetsk.

"Ukrainians are, in theory, in favour of restoring peace," said Andriy Bychenko, the director of sociological services at Kyiv's Razumkov Centre. "But the majority is not sure that this peace will be stable and dependable." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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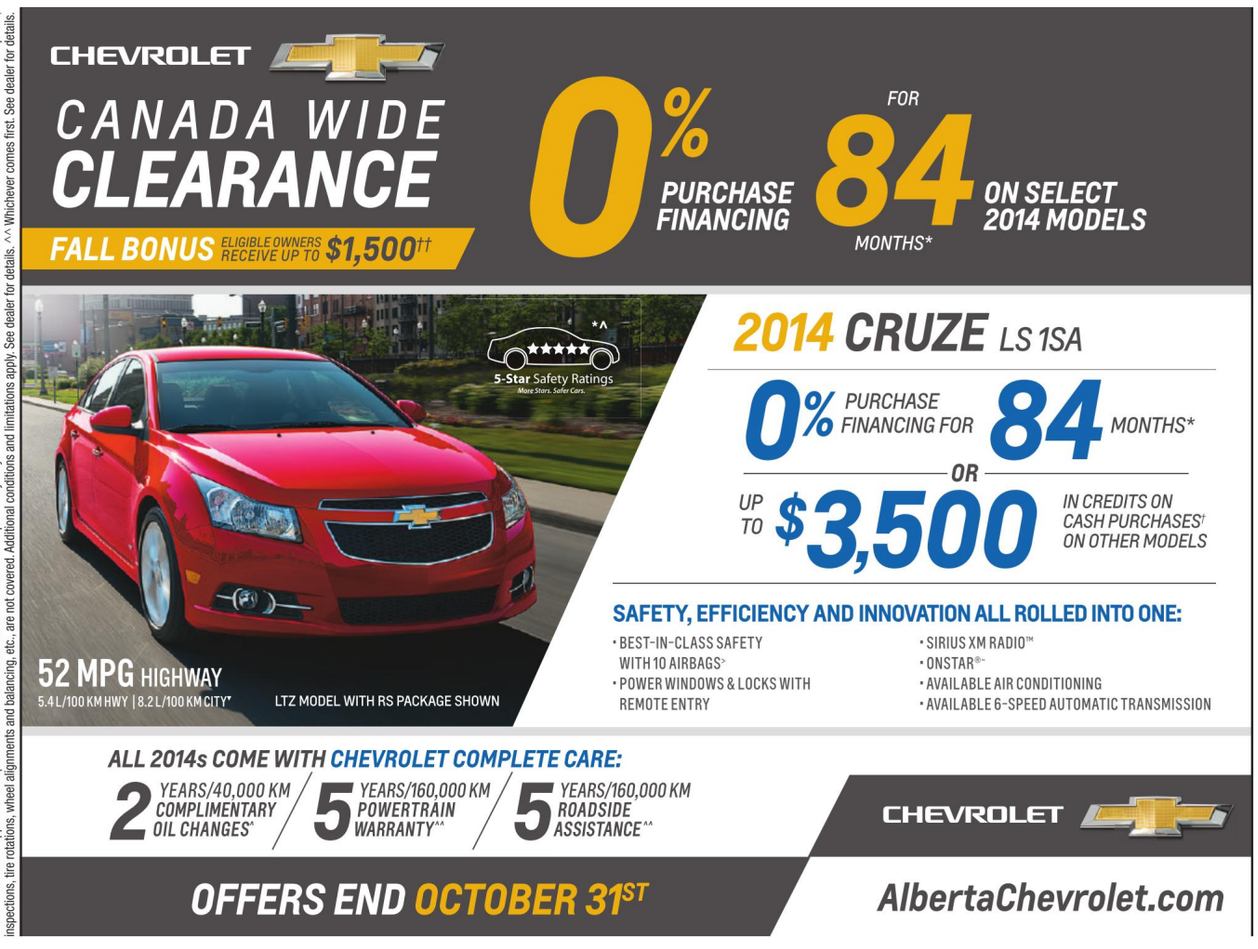
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Liberia says man who brought Ebola to U.S. lied on form

Thomas Eric Duncan. Man travelled from Liberia to Dallas to visit relatives and fell ill on Sept. 24

Liberia plans to prosecute the airline passenger who brought Ebola into the U.S., alleging that he lied on a health questionnaire about not having any contact with an infected person, authorities said Thursday.

Neighbours in the Liberian capital of Monrovia believe Thomas Eric Duncan become infected when he helped bundle a sick pregnant neighbour into a taxi a few weeks ago and set off with her to find treatment.

The 19-year-old pregnant woman was convulsing and complaining of stomach pain, but everyone thought her problems were related to her pregnancy. She died, and in the following weeks, all of those who helped her got sick or died, neighbours said.

Duncan left Liberia on Sept. 19, flying from Brussels to Dulles airport near Washington. He then boarded a flight for Dallas-Fort Worth, and arrived the next day. He started feeling ill four or five days later.

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How it spreads

- Ebola is introduced into the human population through close contact with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected animals. It then spreads through human-to-human transmission via direct contact (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected people, and with surfaces and materials (such as bedding and clothing) contaminated with these fluids.
- Symptoms of the disease include fever, muscle pain, vomiting and bleeding, and can appear as long as 21 days after exposure to the virus.
- Ebola is not contagious until symptoms begin.

Dr. Gil Mobley, a Missouri doctor, walks to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport to check in and board a plane dressed in full protection gear Thursday. He was protesting what he called mismanagement of the crisis by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Risk of exposure

Hospital ER sent infected man home

A Dallas emergency room sent Thomas Eric Duncan home last week, even though he told a nurse that he was visiting the U.S. from disease-ravaged West Africa. The decision by Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital to release him may have put others at risk of exposure to Ebola.

The man returned to the ER a couple of days later when his condition worsened.

Hospital epidemiologist Dr. Edward Goodman said the patient had a fever and abdominal pain during his first ER visit, not the riskier symptoms of vomiting and diarrhea. Duncan was diagnosed with a low-risk infection and sent home.

Duncan has been kept in isolation at the hospital since Sunday. He is listed in serious but stable condition. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Turkish motion would grant means to fight ISIS

Expanded powers. Effective capabilities to combat ISIS, terror a top priority for government, says Turkish president

Turkey's parliament debated a motion Thursday to give the government powers to launch military incursions into Syria and Iraq and to allow foreign forces to use its territory for possible operations against the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS).

As the militants closed in on a strategic Kurdish town along the Syria-Turkey border, Turkey has yet to define the role it intends to play in the U.S.-led coalition against ISIS. The motion before lawmakers sets the legal groundwork for any Turkish military action or the use of Turkish bases by foreign troops.

Parliament had previously approved operations into Iraq and Syria to attack Kurdish separatists or to thwart threats from the Syrian regime.

Thursday's motion would expand those powers to address threats from ISIS who control a large cross-border swath of Iraq and Syria, in some parts right up to the Turkish border.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has called for the creation of a buffer zone inside Syria as well as a no-fly zone to secure Turkey's borders and stem the flow of refugees. He has also called for military training and equipment for the Syrian opposition fighting the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

"In the struggle against terrorism, we are open and ready for every kind of co-operation. However, Turkey is not a country that will allow itself to be used for temporary solutions," Erdogan said Wednesday.

"An effective struggle against ISIS or other terror organizations will be our priority," Erdogan said. "The immediate removal of the administration in Damascus, Syria's territorial unity and the installation of an administration which embraces all will continue to be our priority."

Quoted

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Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Paving the road to action

Dogu Ergil, a professor of political science and columnist with Today's Zaman newspaper weighed in on Turkey's motion.

- **Grounds for intervention.** He said the motion enables Turkey to legally intervene in conflicts.
- **What's mine is yours.** It would also allow Iraqi Kurdish fighters to use Turkish territory to safely cross into Syria if needed.

The motion also cites a potential threat to a revered mausoleum inside Syria that is considered Turkish territory. The tiny plot is a memorial to Suleyman Shah, grandfather of the founder of the Ottoman Empire, is guarded by Turkish troops. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Turkish soldier holds a baby as he looks for the child's mother; thousands of new Syrian Syria border crossing of Yumurtalik near Suruc, Turkey on Thursday.

refugees arrived from Kobani at the Turkey-

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Resignation demand.
Pro-Assad protesters call for governor to step down

Hundreds of supporters of President Bashar Assad held a rare protest Thursday in Syria against the governor of the central city of Homs, after twin bombings there killed 25 children, activists reported.

The demonstration of grim-faced men waving signs occurred after grieving residents gathered at a roundabout in Homs near where the attack took place, the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

A pro-Assad Facebook youth group in Homs also attended the protest.

The group's administrator said he was not allowed to film the demonstration, though he uploaded photographs showing hundreds of men and boys marching down a Homs main street. Another photograph showed men and women carrying the Syrian flag and signs that read: "We won't forget, We won't be silent."

In Syria's 3-1/2-year civil war, open criticism against the government by Assad loyalists has been extremely rare. But anger has been growing among Assad supporters since August, when extremists of the militant ISIS group seized three military bases and killed hundreds of Syrian soldiers.

It was not clear why protesters specifically demanded the governor's resignation.

Syrian state-run media said the twin bombings Wednesday near the Homs school killed at least 25 children and eight adults in a neighbourhood dominated by the Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam of which Assad belongs.

Others, including the Britain-based Observatory, have said the bombing killed 46 children, many from the same families, and seven adults.

Syria's civil war has caused the collapse of the country's health system in contested areas. Nationwide vaccination efforts also have been thrown into disarray, allowing polio to re-emerge in parts of Syria last year.

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Trial hears Magnotta's building had cameras

Jun Lin. Now-deceased building manager said the complex had four security cameras in audio testimony

The Montreal building where Luka Rocco Magnotta lived in a $490-a-month bachelor apartment was equipped with surveillance cameras.

The jury at Magnotta's first-degree murder trial has heard audio testimony from a now-deceased witness who rented him the apartment.

Eric Schorer testified at Magnotta's preliminary inquiry in 2013 but has since died.

Schorer said the building had four cameras — three with various views of the ground floor and entrance and one in the basement. They were activated by motion detectors and Schorer testified he never showed Magnotta their existence.

Schorer said there was nothing remarkable about his first meeting with Magnotta, about two months before the slaying of Chinese student Jun Lin. He testified Magnotta told him he was looking for a job as a caregiver and that he had a child in the area.

The 32-year-old Magnotta is charged with first-degree murder in Lin's slaying and dismemberment in May 2012 in the apartment Schorer rented him.

In his testimony, Schorer said the janitor of the building reported seeing a suitcase outside that was smelly and covered in maggots amid a mound of trash. The janitor then came back and told him there was a torso in the case.

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Diran Lin, right, father of Jun Lin, and his translator, Anna Liu, left, leave court Thursday. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Irrawaddy

Myanmar-based website defaced

A website covering news about Myanmar was defaced by hackers on Thursday, a few days after its director won a prestigious press freedom award.

Aung Zaw said the attack on The Irrawaddy website was one of many it has faced. The attackers replaced the site's home page with a statement accusing it of supporting "Jihad & Radical Muslims." Aung Zaw linked the attack to a recent commentary he wrote about Buddhist extremists apparently backed by undemocratic members of the military. Myanmar, a predominantly Buddhist nation, has been grappling with sectarian violence that has left up to 300 dead and more than 140,000 homeless, most of them Muslims attacked by Buddhists. Zaw was one of four recipients of this year's International Press Freedom Award.

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Two men found guilty of murder in gang slayings

Eileen Mohan pauses as she speaks to reporters outside B.C. Supreme Court in Vancouver on Thursday after Cody Haevischer and Matthew Johnston were found guilty of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in the gang slayings of six people in 2007. Mohan's 22-year-old son Chris was killed along with five others. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS PRESS

Surrey, B.C. Cody Haevischer and Matthew Johnston played key roles in the killings of defenceless victims, judge finds

Two men accused in the gang slayings of six people in a Surrey, B.C., apartment have been found guilty of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the deaths.

B.C. Supreme Court Judge Catherine Wedge said Cody Haevischer and Matthew Johnston played key roles in the execution-style killings of defenceless victims.

Families and friends of the victims applauded when the verdicts were announced Thursday.

Quoted

"My son is smiling down today and it's a good feeling."

Eileen Mohan,
Mother of Chris Mohan, 22-year-old student who was murdered

On Oct. 19, 2007, Haevischer, Johnston and an associate who can only be identified as Person X entered the suite of Corey Lal.

The trial heard they'd been sent there by their gang leadership to kill a rival drug dealer. Lal's brother, Michael, and associates Eddie Narong and Ryan Bartolomeo were caught in the crossfire.

Ed Schellenberg, a 55-year-old father of two, was in the building to service fireplaces and Chris Mohan, a 22-year-old student who lived next door with his mother, were also killed in the suite. Like the others, hoods were placed over their heads before they were shot execution-style.

Court heard that the five other men were killed to eliminate potential witnesses.

The Crown's theory was that the leaders of the Red Scorpion gang attempted to extort $200,000 from Lal and when he didn't pay, they ordered him killed.

Eileen Mohan, the mother of the young man who was dragged into the suite by the killers, said the wait for justice was long but she was confident of the outcome even as she tried to temper her expectations before she walked into the courtroom.

"Today is a great day for Christopher. I've been waiting for seven years for this day," Mohan said. "My son is smiling down today and it's a good feeling." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Daily challenge

Irish soldiers wage battle for uniforms

Legend has it that Celtic warriors once charged into battle naked. Things aren't that bad in the modern Irish army, but its union chief says soldiers must wage a daily battle for uniforms.

Mark Scally says the difficulty of finding clothes that fit has become dire.

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Arizona shooting range

Killing of gun instructor accidental: Coroner

The coroner in Las Vegas has issued a final ruling in the accidental shooting death of a 39-year-old gun instructor by a nine-year-old girl using an Uzi, saying blood toxicology tests didn't change a preliminary finding that Charles Joseph Vacca Jr.'s death was an accident.

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Kidnapping charge. Girl missing 12 years found with her mom in Mexico

A Texas girl reported kidnapped 12 years ago was found with her mother near Mexico City, after authorities received a tip.

The mother was flown to Texas and jailed on kidnapping charges, investigators said Wednesday.

The FBI and Mexico authorities said 17-year-old Sabrina Allen, whose case was twice profiled on the television show America's Most Wanted, was found Tuesday night in Papalotla, Tlaxcala. She was four years old when she was reported missing by her father in 2002, after she vanished following a weekend visit with her mother.

"She's in pretty bad shape as far as my understanding," said her father, Gregory Allen, during a news conference Wednesday. "She was not living a regular life. She has not been going to school."

Allen said he has not yet seen his daughter but knew what his first question would be: "I'm going to ask her if I can give her a hug."

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Attempted murder

Breaking Bad plot rejected by jury

A London jury has cleared a British woman of trying to kill her mother in a plot prosecutors said was inspired by the Breaking Bad TV show.

Kuntal Patel was acquitted of attempted murder. She had been accused of slipping a ricin-like toxin into her mother's cola after she was forbidden from marrying.

Prosecutors said Patel concocted the murder plot after watching an episode of Breaking Bad in which drug lord Walter White kills an enemy with ricin-laced tea.

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Rocks flew at 300 km/h, killed dozens on volcano

Firefighters search for more victims beneath the debris near the peak of Mount Ontake in central Japan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/NAGOYA CITY FIRE DEPT.

Mount Ontake. All but one of 47 victims have multiple cuts and fractures to their head and back, police official confirms

Doctors have determined that almost all of the dozens of people killed on a Japanese volcano died of injuries from being hit by rocks that flew out during its eruption, police said Thursday.

Rescuers have retrieved 47 bodies from the ash-covered summit of Mount Ontake since Saturday's eruption.

Doctors concluded that all but one of the bodies showed signs of having been hit by volcanic boulders and rocks, Nagano prefectural police said. The other victim died of burns from inhaling hot air.

Those hit by the rocks and debris had multiple cuts and fractures, particularly in the head and the back, as well as the legs, a police official said on condition of anonymity.

Most of the bodies were found near the summit, where many climbers were resting or having lunch. Some bodies were retrieved from a trail at a slightly lower elevation.

Experts say hikers near the summit might have been hit by rocks flying as fast as 300 km/h. Survivors said they fled for their lives as rocks and debris rained down on them while they struggled with hot air and ash hitting their face.

Seismologists have said that increased seismic activity had been detected at Ontake, one of 47 active volcanoes in Japan that are under 24-hour monitoring, but that nothing signalled such a big eruption.

The death toll is the highest from a volcanic eruption in Japan's postwar history, exceeding the 43 people killed in the 1991 eruption of Mount Unzen.

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Was A&F 'look policy' discriminatory? Top U.S. court will decide

Abercrombie & Fitch.
U.S. Supreme Court to decide if case of Muslim woman denied a job due to her headscarf was discriminated against

Other cases

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Abercrombie & Fitch has settled two other discrimination lawsuits over the same issue. A&F changed its "look policy" four years ago to allow its workers to wear hijabs.

The U.S. Supreme Court said Thursday it will consider whether retailer Abercrombie & Fitch discriminated against a Muslim woman who was denied a job because her headscarf conflicted with the company's dress code, which the clothing chain has since changed.

The justices agreed to hear the Obama administration's appeal of a lower-court decision that ruled the New Albany, Ohio-based company did not discriminate because the job applicant did not specifically say she needed a religious accommodation.

At issue is how employers must deal with laws that require them to make allowances for a worker's religious practices, as long as doing so does not cause the business too much hardship.

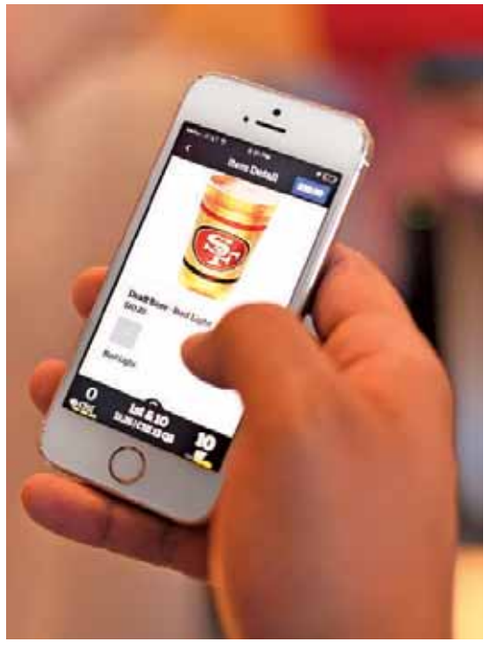
A federal judge initially sided with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which sued on behalf of Samantha Elauf. The agency alleged Elauf wasn't hired at a Tulsa, Okla., store because her hijab violated Abercrombie's "look policy," described at the time as a "classic East Coast collegiate style."

But the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that decision. The appeals court said Elauf never directly informed her interviewer she needed a religious accommodation, even though she was wearing the headscarf during her interview.

Abercrombie, which has faced slumping sales and could face negative publicity in the case, has pressed on with its defence, saying it was Elauf's obligation to explain any special needs based on her religion.

In their brief for the EEOC, government lawyers said the appeals court ruling undercuts legal protection for religious practices because it unfairly places the entire burden on the job applicant to raise the issue. Sometimes job applicants aren't aware of a potential conflict between a religious practice and a company policy, the government said.

In this case, the EEOC says Elauf never requested an accommodation because she didn't know about the "look policy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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In this Sept. 14 photo, a fan uses an app on a smartphone to order food and drinks at Levi's Stadium during an NFL football game between the San Francisco 49ers and the Chicago Bears in Santa Clara, Calif. If 49ers CEO Jed York realizes his vision, Levi's Stadium will channel Silicon Valley's ingenuity and become known as a technology temple programmed to pamper and connect fans who are more accustomed to being corralled in congested venues with little or no Internet access. NOAH BERGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harper. Federal deficit now to be $5.2B

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says last year's federal deficit will be more than $10 billion smaller than forecast, but he's refusing to predict the rapidly improving bottom line will mean balanced books this fiscal year.

Harper dropped the new, $5.2-billion deficit figure for 2013-14 — down from the $16.6-billion shortfall projected in last February's federal budget — during a presentation to a business audience Thursday in Brampton, Ont.

But the good fiscal news didn't make it into a news release from the Prime Minister's Office, and Harper insisted there won't be a surplus until the 2015-16 election year.

"The government has no plan or no intention to move this year into a surplus," Harper said.

"We continue to intend to run a small deficit this year before returning to surplus." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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China Labor Watch

Samsung supplier sues watchdog over allegations

A Chinese supplier of Samsung Electronics Co. filed a lawsuit accusing a New York City-based labour watchdog of spreading false rumours of child labour, but the labour group says it has evidence to back up its report.

The lawsuit against China Labor Watch was filed in a Chinese court this week, Samsung said Thursday.

China Labor Watch rejected the lawsuit as a "public relations action." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian universities slip in global rankings

Falling grades

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Eight Canadian universities made the top 200 in the Times Higher Education ranking, and of those, only one — the University of Toronto — held its position at number 20.

Canadian universities are slipping in a global ranking based on learning environment, research, innovation and other performance indicators.

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Another, the University of Victoria, jumped into the top 200 at number 173.

The organization uses 13 criteria to evaluate and rank eligible universities.

Schools are excluded if they don't teach undergraduates, if they have too narrow a focus or if their research output was fewer than 1,000 articles between 2009 and 2013.

While American universities still dominate the list, they are also losing ground as Asia's leading universities continue their steady climb.

The other Canadian universities to crack the top 200 are the University of British Columbia, McGill, McMaster, the University of Montreal, the University of Alberta and the University of Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE METRO LIST

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1 Where's the beef? Wednesday kicked off Vegetarian Awareness Month. The North American Vegetarian Society wants to educate us about the benefits of a meat-free diet, and I want to learn, but I am repeatedly distracted by the unusually short lines at Burger King.

2 Off-duty. German labour minister Andrea Nahles commissioned a study of work-related tension following a union-proposed anti-stress act. The law would forbid employers from contacting workers after hours, including via email or text. Results of the study could expedite the motion and break new ground in work-life balance. At the very least, it will mean a marked improvement for those who hate their jobs.

3 Puck Stop. NHL hockey is back with epic national rivalries: Edmonton jawing at Winnipeg fans, Calgarians scoffing at Vancouver followers, and Montreal and Toronto fans exchanging words in two languages, while spouses of hockey buffs exchange no words at all.

4 Praise Potter. Christian mommy blogger Grace Ann has rewritten Harry Potter, saying she's happy her kids are reading, but she doesn't want them "turning into witches!" Now, we're obviously all concerned with the growing threat of kids turning into witches, so I support her Hogwarts School of Prayer and Miracles book. It's time we taught our children not to believe in magic, rather to put their faith in ... miracles?

5 Last impression. Larry Frazer's funeral was cancelled by a volunteer at St. Patrick Church in Saskatoon, who disliked the obit photo showing the deceased wearing a Sons of Anarchy T-shirt and a mohawk. Daughter Cheryl Stinson suspects the volunteer thought Larry was a gang member, saying they "do not want his kind here." The church later apologized and said, "If we were paying him, we'd fire him."

6 Spoiler alert. NBC's Blacklist is back for Season 2 with a familiar name appearing as one of Reddington's many frenemies. Paul Reubens, a.k.a. Pee-wee Herman, will play Mr. Vargas. James Spader's Reddington character will retain his trademark guile and clever misdirection, only in this case ambiguous insults will be met with "Nah-nuh-nah-nuh, I know you are but what am I?"

7 A la mode. Karl Lagerfeld ignited social media portals by re-creating Paris boulevard for Chanel's extravagant show at Paris fashion week. The pageantry culminated with all the models marching out, picketing in a mock feminist protest. Because let's face it: Nothing screams feminism louder than 50 model-waifs with body-image issues in outrageously priced couture.

8 Listen up. Spotify, the largest global streaming music service, finally launched in Canada, and has aligned itself with most of our national labels to provide a comprehensive catalogue of Anglo- and Franco-Canadian music. Ahead of the curve when the industry was battling illegal downloading, these guys just said, "Why own when you can rent?" and simply provided the platform that offers subscribers access to more than 20 million songs any time, anywhere. But then, what do I know? I'm still trying to burn my records onto CDs.

Escaping the grey

Lea Toran Jenner of Cirkopolis performs with a ring during a dress rehearsal at the Sydney Opera House Thursday. RICK RYCROFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Circus show inspired by Metropolis, Kafka

It's a life that has for generations symbolized freedom, release from the humdrum of the everyday, the strictures of expectation.

Unlike most people, though, running away to join the circus is a reality for the performers in French-Canadian dance company Cirque Eloize.

Their new show Cirkopolis, on now at the Sydney Opera House, deploys circus and dance to tell the story of an office worker stuck in a grey existence who begins to explore the city around him in very physical ways.

"It's a metaphor, the idea of placing the main character at the beginning just working in his office — but then, throughout the entire show, contaminating his environment with his poetry, showing how ways of interacting and smiling at people can change an entire reality," explains Cirque Eloize artistic director Jeannot Painchaud, who is also the show's creator. DAILYTELEGRAPH.COM

Metaphor

The circus arts, the show's creator believes, are the perfect disciplines to explore questions of individuality and self-expression.

MetroTube

Humans of Times Square

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If you've ever been to Times Square, you likely left with fond memories of enormous ads, chain restaurants and foul-mouthed cartoon characters: Ah, bliss. Not content with such a superficial understanding, Michael Tapp headed into the fray to learn the appeal of New York City's brightest tourist mecca from the entertaining characters who wander it. Happily, there's a smattering of skepticism alongside the usual NYC hagiography. (Michael Tapp/YouTube)

SCREENGRAB

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Remember that episode of Sex in the City where Carrie tells her boyfriend that no fashionable woman from New York would be caught dead in a scrunchie? That may not be true anymore as the once ubiquitous, later reviled hair accessory appears to be making a comeback. What other retro look would you like to see be cool again?

@LeighNaturkach: I don't care what anyone says but I MISS AU COTON AND REALITY BITES RELATED FASHION.

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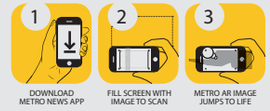

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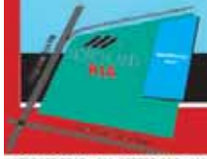

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Synopsis

This prequel to The Conjuring proves you can't keep a good doll down. It tells the story of Annabelle, that movie's creepy, possessed doll, before she was safely locked away. The story begins in the late 1960s with a gift from John (Ward Horton) to his expectant wife Mia (Annabelle Wallis). He buys her Annabelle, a seemingly harmless vintage doll, decked out in a lace wedding dress. Their quiet peace is broken by a home invasion, and although they survive, strange things start happening in the wake of the attack and it looks like Annabelle has something to do with it.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●○○

Annabelle. The creepy doll is back, but it's the everyday sounds and objects that are the most frightening in this prequel to The Conjuring

Richard: Mark, Annabelle is like a haunted-house attraction at Halloween. There's nothing truly soul-scorchingly scary inside, but it will give you a few good jolts.

It's part psychological drama, part paranormal activity and is filled with good weird atmosphere, but where The Conjuring had the benefit of two strong leads in Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson, Annabelle's stars, Wallis and Horton, aren't very compelling.

She put me in the mind of Sharon Tate, which is appropriate for the time and story, and Horton reminded me of … nothing much at all. More interesting leads might have made me care more about the story.

Were you scared?

Mark: Yes I was, Richard, more from the expert filmmaking than what the actors brought to the picture.

The director uses a lot of unusual camera angles and unexpected cuts to raise the suspense. And unlike so many horror movies that take place in dark, decrepit mansions, this one is bathed in light and uses a lot of California pastels.

The story is familiar, but the look of the movie kept me off-balance.

But it owes a big debt to Rosemary's Baby, which you hinted at in referencing Tate, who was married to Roman Polanski. Horton looks a lot like John Cassavetes, the plot involves children and satanic cults, and the couple lives in a penthouse. Do I make a decent case?

RC: It definitely has echoes of Rosemary's Baby and I'd add in a taste of Repulsion in there as well.

The actors may be milquetoasty, but the movie's low-key eerie atmosphere isn't. Director John R. Leonetti amps up the tension but without the use of computer-generated special effects. Instead he relies on silence and everyday sounds to make your skin crawl.

The self-operating sewing machine from Hell and Satan's popcorn are effectively used in a movie that may be the quietest horror film ever made.

MB: Yes, the movie is very good at making inanimate objects spooky.

I also never thought of Cherish by The Association as being a scary song, but it's just another example of how Leonetti twists conventions in this otherwise conventional movie.

The part of the film that least impressed me was Annabelle herself. Not to malign the doll, but she's no Bride of Chucky.

RC: She's no Barbie either! She's simply the prop that will allow producers to string together a series of prequels and sequels based on devil doll lore.

Possessed or not, I'm guessing she works cheaper than the human actors.

MB: Wait! Barbie as devil doll! Talk about rebranding! Let's get the pitch ready...

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Hollywood's dollhouse of horrors

Evil playthings. As The Conjuring's Annabelle returns, Metro looks at filmdom's dastardly dolls

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In director James Wan's 2013 smash hit horror show The Conjuring, the most terrifying thing about the film, arguably, was the prologue-embedded tale of evil Annabelle, the malevolent haunted doll that paranormal investigators The Warrens (played by Vera Farmiga and Patrick Wilson) keep locked in their museum of monstrous things.

Now that the grinning, porcelain-sculpted plaything has got her own movie — the Wan-produced prequel Annabelle, opening wide this Friday — Metro opted to flash back into horror's history and spotlight some of the big scream's other famous deadly dolls, starting, appropriately, with ...

Dolls (1987)

Director Stuart Gordon chased the breakaway success of his off-colour shocker Reanimator with this ultra-gothic contemporary fairy tale, in which a pack of travellers in the English countryside end up spending the night in a kindly toymaker's mansion, home to his dense collection of meticulously designed dolls. But all is not what it seems, naturally, and soon the dolls wake up and do some very, very bad things…

Annabelle, the monstrous doll of The Conjuring, returns to the big screen this weekend. LIZ BROWN/METRO

Puppetmaster (1989)

Dolls' producer Charles Band was so taken with his initial excursion into killer-toy cinema that he remounted the concept for this home-video hit that spawned nine sequels, and dozens of other popular Band-produced "evil toy" B movies. This one sees a troupe of supernatural living puppets trap a gaggle of folks in a house and off them one by one, in often gruesome ways. Plenty of demented fun with top-notch David Allen stop-motion effects work.

Magic (1978)

Anthony Hopkins gives one of his most memorable early performances (matched by co-star Ann-Margret) in this shuddery, bizarre tale of an unstable ventriloquist and his possibly haunted, decidedly lethal dummy. Plenty of eccentric touches and scares in a film that anticipates Wan's own thriller Dead Silence and echoes a pair of choice episodes from TV's The Twilight Zone, Caesar and Me and The Dummy. Speaking of which ...

Anthony Hopkins is a ventriloquist working with a deadly dummy in 1978's Magic. CONTRIBUTED

The Twilight Zone: Living Doll (1964)

One of TZ's wildest episodes, Telly "Kojack" Savalas stars as a boorish man whose stepdaughter brings home a smiling chatty doll named Talky Tina.

After muttering a slew of pre-programmed pleasantries, the Living Doll of the title turns to the abusive patriarch and promises to kill him. She makes good on that promise. One of the show's most beloved instalments, it most certainly paved the way for…

Child's Play (1988)

The mother of all homicidal doll movies, this Tom Holland (Fright Night) directed thriller sees a voodoo-loving serial killer transpose his soul into the plastic body of a Good Guy doll. When said killer Cabbage Patch Kid, named Chucky, is bought by a harried single mom for her son, the Good Guy gets his mitts on a sharp instrument and resumes his maniacal ways. Clever, witty, suspenseful and genuinely scary, Child's Play has spawned four sequels to date.

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Mystery & Suspense

Left Behind

Director. Vic Armstrong

Stars. Nicolas Cage, Lea Thompson

The most important event in the history of mankind is happening right now. In the blink of an eye, the biblical Rapture strikes the world. Millions of people disappear without a trace. All that remains are their clothes and belongings, and in an instant, terror and chaos spread around the world. Gridlock, riots and looting overrun the cities. There is no one to help or provide answers. In a moment, the entire planet is plunged into darkness.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: No reviews yet **Audience:** 90%

Drama/Comedy

My Old Lady

Director. Israel Horovitz

Stars. Kevin Kline, Maggie Smith

A New Yorker inherits a Parisian apartment from his estranged father. But when he arrives in France to sell, he discovers a live-in tenant not prepared to budge. His apartment is a viager — an ancient French real estate system with complex rules pertaining to its resale — and the feisty woman Mathilde Girard who has lived in the apartment with her daughter Chloé for many years, can by contract collect monthly payments.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 58% **Audience:** 60%

Drama

The Drop

Director. Michael R. Roskam

Stars. Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace

Based on a screenplay from Dennis Lehane, The Drop follows lonely bartender Bob Saginowski (Tom Hardy) through a covert scheme of funnelling cash to local gangsters — "money drops" in the underworld of Brooklyn bars. Under the heavy hand of his employer and cousin Marv (James Gandolfini), Bob finds himself at the centre of a robbery gone awry, entwined in an investigation that digs deep into the neighbourhood's past.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 89% **Audience:** 83%

Mystery/Suspense

Gone Girl

Director. David Fincher

Stars. Rosamund Pike, Ben Affleck

Gone Girl — based upon the global bestseller by Gillian Flynn — unearths the secrets at the heart of a modern marriage. On the occasion of his fifth wedding anniversary, Nick Dunne (Ben Affleck) reports that his beautiful wife, Amy (Rosamund Pike), has gone missing. Under pressure from the police and a growing media frenzy, Nick's portrait of a blissful union begins to crumble.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 86% **Audience:** 98%

Drama

No Good Deed

Director. Bob Rafelson

Stars. Samuel L. Jackson, Milla Jovovich

Cello-playing cop Jack Friar (Samuel L. Jackson) searches for a teenage runaway on Turk Street and ends up in the home of an elderly couple (Joss Ackland and Grace Zabriskie). The house also turns out to be the headquarters for a gang of criminals who are planning a bank robbery, and Jack is quickly held hostage. When Jack is left alone with gang member Erin (Milla Jovovich), he teaches her to play the cello and the two share a mutual attraction.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 20% **Audience:** 27%

Drama

Hector and the Search for Happiness

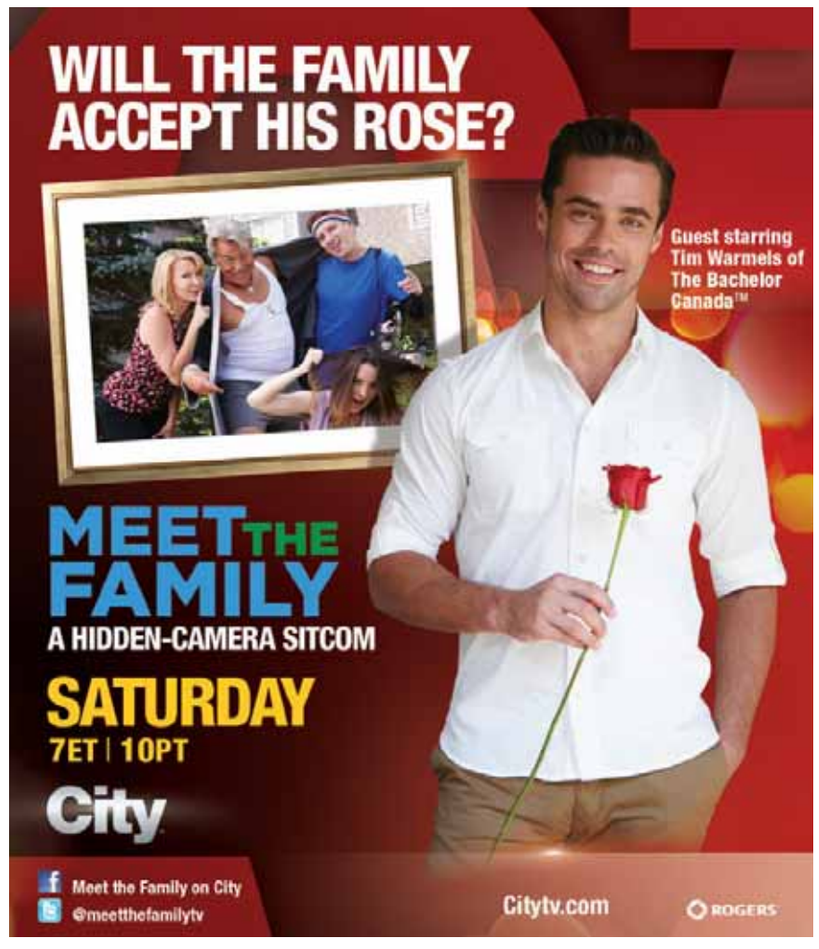
Director. Peter Chelsom

Stars. Simon Pegg, Rosamund Pike

Hector (Simon Pegg) is a quirky psychiatrist who has become increasingly tired of his humdrum life. As he tells his girlfriend, Clara (Rosamund Pike), he feels like a fraud: He hasn't really tasted life, and yet he's offering advice to patients who are just not getting any happier. So Hector decides to break out of his deluded and routine-driven life.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 27% **Audience:** 63%



When you get to work with Vera talented co-stars

The Judge.
Vera Farmiga shares what it's like to work opposite the freewheeling Robert Downey Jr.

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Vera Farmiga joins an incredible cast with a very deep bench in The Judge, playing the high school sweetheart of Robert Downey Jr.'s Hank, a hotshot lawyer and prodigal son who returns home to defend his father (Robert Duvall) in court. The ever-effusive Farmiga has more than a few nice interesting to say about her co-stars.

The cast in this is kind of ridiculous.
I know, I know. It's first class. It's what you ache for as an actor, to be surrounded by greatness. Because it lifts your game. And you learn, and you want to watch them, you respect them so much. They may seem daunting, but if there's any skittishness or nerves you get over it very quickly because of their sensibilities as human beings. They're very approachable. They're very open, they're humble. I spent more time with Downey than I did with Duvall, and yeah he's this uber-rock star, but he's got a real sense of vulnerability and openness — and even insecurity at times. You know that mega-persona? You don't feel that when you meet them. And I think what makes them great actors is they're storytellers. It's not about them, it's about telling the best possible story. There's not much time to wallow in any insecurity. You just go to work and you're so happy to be among such pros, such athletes, such heavyweight champions.

You're no slouch yourself, though.
I guess not, I've got a couple notches on my belt as well. I don't know, this is what you hunger for. Whether you're working with a heavyweight champion or whether you're working with a welterweight, it has to do with openness and humility.

Not that Downey is tough to be around, but you two have some great chemistry.
It's not something that just happens — it can be, but I think it is a skill that you hone, which comes from listening to each other, provoking each other, responding.

How does one provoke Robert Downey Jr.?
Surprises — he likes surprises. Improvisation actually scares me. I prefer scripted improvisation. When the camera is off, I don't mind tooling around and then taking what works in that improvised rehearsal and then scripting it. But he's so loose, so carefree, so inventive that it's really challenging in a scene. He doesn't like repeating moments. He's confident enough to know if a camera has got a certain take, try something different. It's very fresh and it's very organic and you've got to pay attention.

I was offended on your character's behalf when he assumed you were still a waitress when you had in fact bought the restaurant.
Yeah, that's fun, huh? Sure, he comes, thinks he's hot s---. Big city lawyer, nothing's changed. He's got his head so far up his own ass that he flat-out doesn't inquire. It's all about Hank.

Quoted

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Vera Farmiga on working with talented actors in The Judge

Vera Farmiga stars in The Judge, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

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Counting Hollywood's best Draculas

Dracula Untold. In honour of the release of the latest riff on Bram Stoker's famous bloodsucker, Metro looks at some legendary interpretations of the Transylvanian terror

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As Dracula Untold, Hollywood's latest mining of author Bram Stoker's oft-plundered novel Dracula, prepares to sink its gore-hungry teeth into the box office, Metro staked out five classic incarnations of the undead Count, the likes of which stand as the benchmark in which all other Dracula's must be measured. And while the quality of actor Luke Evan's riff on Romanian Prince Vlad Tepes and his eventual re-christening as Count Dracula is yet to be determined, it is unlikely he'll mark the screen as deeply as these actors have…

Max Shreck, Nosferatu (1922)
Creeping out of the high-contrast shadows captured by German auteur F.W. Murnau's expressionist lens, Shreck's Count Orlock (an unauthorized incarnation of Dracula), with his bald head, tufts of white hair framing his pointed ears and rat fangs, is still as frightening and shocking a physical presence today as he was almost a century ago. Murnau's masterpiece was ordered destroyed after Stoker's widow sued but several prints were stashed and unearthed decades later.

Bela Lugosi, Dracula (1931)
Hungarian actor Bela Lugosi was the screen's first official Dracula, in Tod Browning's adaptation of the Dracula stage play by Hamilton Deane. Lugosi's round face, hammy, phonetic-English line deliveries and woeful lack of fangs have ensured that his Count hasn't aged particularly well, but his is perhaps the screen's most famous Drac and his visage the one that has long defined pop culture's ideal of Dracula.

Christopher Lee, Horror of Dracula (1958)
U.K.'s Hammer Studios rebirthed Stoker's bloodsucking nobleman via actor Christopher Lee in this classic, full-colour and full-blooded horror classic. Lee's Count is a tall, handsome and athletic presence, erotic and, in choice hissing, fang-bearing moments, terrifying. Horror of Dracula's international success compelled Hammer to produce a series of Dracula pictures, most of which starred Lee as an increasingly marginalized presence. But none of the sequels came close to capturing the energy and power of this, director Terrence Fisher's most famous work.

Jack Palance, Dracula (1973)
Dark Shadows' mastermind Dan Curtis kept on his vampire thread with this TV movie starring veteran tough-guy actor Palance as an ultra-masculine monster, haunted by his lost love while marauding around London looking for blood. Incredibly faithful to Stoker's novel, this deft adaptation showcases Palance at his intimidating best and is widely recognized as one of the best vampire films ever made.

Klaus Kinski, Nosferatu The Vampyre (1979)
German arthouse auteur Werner Herzog opted to remake Murnau's iconic original film starring his onscreen muse, madman actor Klaus Kinski (Aguirre, The Wrath of God) and the resulting picture and central performance is breathtaking. Kinski's Dracula is just as terrifying as Shreck's but there's a haunted quality to him, a melancholy and tragic aura that makes us empathize with his wretched loneliness, even while he drains the world and spreads black plague via an army of rats. Kinski may have been clinically insane, but Herzog knew how to channel that intensity and sculpt something magnificent. One of the best Dracula films ever made.

Luke Evans stars in Dracula Untold, which opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

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Begin Again (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-10:05
Boyhood (14A) Fri-Thu 3:25-6:45
Dawn of the Planet of the Apes (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7-9:45
Edge of Tomorrow (PG) Fri-Thu 10
Hercules (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-9:40
How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-7:20-9:35
Into the Storm (PG) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:05-7:05-9:55
Maleficent (STC) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:30
Snowpiercer (14A) Fri-Thu 4-9:50
Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:50-8:15
When the Game Stands Tall (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-7:10
X-Men: Days of Future Past (STC) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:45-7-9:45

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Annabelle (14A) Fri-Sun 12:25-2:50-5:15-7:45-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:50-5:15-7:55-10:30
The Boxtrolls (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20 Mon-Tue 2:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30 Thu 2:10
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Dolphin Tale 2 (G) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:05-6:45-9:25 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:10-6:55-9:45 Thu 1:30-4:10
Dracula Untold (14A) Thu 8
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My Little Pony Equestria Girls: Rainbow Rocks (G) Sun 4:05
National Theatre Live: Medea - Encore (STC) Sat 12:55
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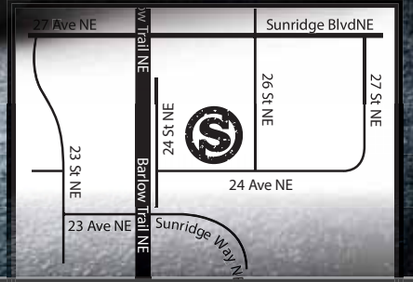

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Piper Kerman, author of Orange is the New Black. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Orange is the New Black. Despite success of book and TV series, author 'absolutely' regrets her crime

The woman whose bestselling prison memoir has been adapted into the Orange is the New Black Netflix series is sharing her insight into the upcoming Season 3, saying it "holds some really amazing stories and twists and turns."

Piper Kerman said the new season will feature backstories for some characters and the emergence of very intriguing new characters.

The show, created by Jenji Kohan, is about a woman serving time in a federal prison for carrying a suitcase stuffed with drug money to her ex-girlfriend. Kerman said shooting for the third season is more than halfway through, but she can't offer spoilers or a release date.

Kerman is a consultant on the show, reading scripts and offering her advice on how to make it realistic. But she did not offer any inside scoop on when Season 3 will be available, and even laughed when asked if V, one of the main antagonists, is still alive.

"One of the things that Jenji Kohan has said about Season 3 already on record is that an exploration of faith is a big part of what she is planning, and what they have scripted so far," Kerman said, before addressing more than 400 students, faculty members and fans Tuesday night at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell.

Kerman also commented on a book deal signed by her former lover and friend Cleary Wolters, whose involvement in drug trafficking led to her imprisonment.

"I expect that my ex-lover's book will be a fascinating read," Kerman said. "She's had a very different life, and her story is very different from mine. For one thing, she was much more involved in narcotics trafficking, and, for the other thing, she served a lot more time in prison than I did."

Although Kerman has done very well for herself, thanks to her memoir and its TV adaptation, she said she would change her story in a heartbeat if she could go back to when it all began, in 1993, when she was 22 years old.

"I absolutely regret my crime," said Kerman, an advocate for reforms of the criminal justice system. "I think that while I'm so grateful to have found readers and I'm thrilled with the Netflix show, the truth of the matter is that prison is a deeply traumatic experience."

Kerman spent 13 months in a federal minimum-security prison in Connecticut, just over a decade ago, for her role in a money-laundering and drug-trafficking ring.

"The truth is that I caused my family and the people that love me most a great deal of pain and worry," she said. "And the other fundamental truth is my actions caused other harm, in terms of other people's substance abuse and addiction."

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Christmas Vacation

Cousin Eddie's RV vandalized at Ohio museum

A dilapidated recreational vehicle that played a memorable role in the Christmas Vacation movie has been vandalized at an Ohio museum.

The owner of the Castle Noel museum in Medina, just south of Cleveland, reports that Cousin Eddie's rusty camper was damaged sometime last week.

The Northeast Ohio Media Group reports that a ladder was taken off the back of the vehicle, a tail light was smashed, an antenna was broken and a side panel was removed.

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Eddie drove this camper to the Griswolds'. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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"The truth of the matter is that prison is a deeply traumatic experience."

Piper Kerman, author behind popular prison series Orange is the New Black, on her real-life jail time

Comedy stream. Adam Sandler will produce and star in four films that will air exclusively on Netflix

Adam Sandler of Happy Gilmore and Punch Drunk Love is to act as producer and leading man for a set of four films to air exclusively on Netflix.

The online streaming service explained the wisdom of its agreement by revealing that Sandler's films are among the most viewed by the digital network's subscribers, both in the U.S. and abroad.

With Sandler currently committed to the July 2015 alien invasion comedy Pixels, there are no details on the type of films he and his Happy Madison production company will serve up, although the 48-year-old actor has proven his ability to carry silly and serious projects alike.

The internally produced quartet of films may also help Netflix circumvent online broadcasting laws in one of its newest territories, France.

That country prohibits the streaming service from showing films less than three years after their theatrical release.

The announcement comes after Netflix teamed up with The Weinstein Company to organize the simultaneous release of a Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon sequel through Netflix and IMAX cinemas.

That was a move that earned the ire of major players in the U.S. IMAX space, cutting the film's potential distribution by 60 per cent by refusing to show it on their screens — a consequence that wholly suits Netflix if it means movie fans must turn to the digital entertainment provider instead. AFP

Adam Sandler has signed an exclusive movie deal with Netflix. AFP

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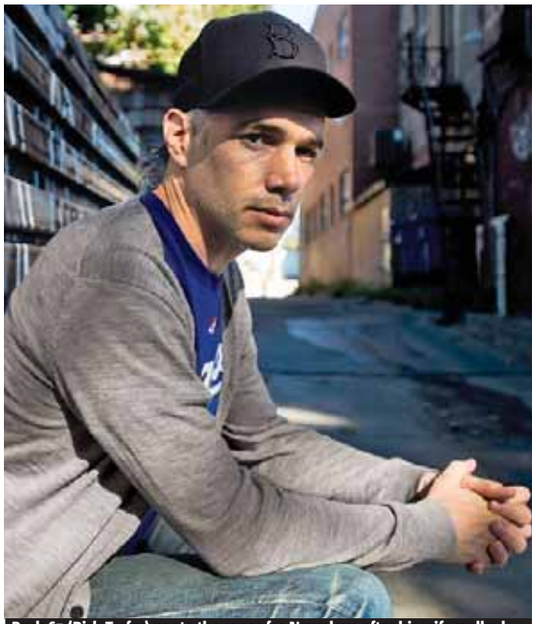
Buck 65 bares it all on divorce album

Neverlove. Singer wonders if he can perform such raw songs as Baby Blanket or Love Will F— You Up



Buck 65 (Rich Terfry) wrote the songs for Neverlove after his wife walked out on him. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

If you listened to Buck 65's newest record without knowing he was trumpeting it as his "divorce album," it wouldn't take long to figure it out.

First there's the cover, and its image of wilted flowers sitting on an unmade bed. Then there are the track titles: Heart of Stone, That's the Way Love Dies and Love Will F— You Up. And when you finally listen, the very first song, Gates of Hell, features the alt-hip-hop veteran trying his hand (or lungs) at scream therapy.

Of course, fans of the artist otherwise known as Rich Terfry will already know many of the details of his personal life. His website features a crushing first-hand anecdote about the day "a few years ago" when his wife left. He's also written a book on the subject. And he's discussing the entire ordeal in interviews to promote the record, out this week.

So among the questions put to him: Why be so specific about the real-life inspiration of Neverlove, when so many artists sing about personal material and then refuse to talk about it?

"I made the songs without really considering consequences, which is to say I wasn't even really thinking about the idea that people would hear it eventually," said Terfry, open and upbeat during a recent interview at a Toronto café. "And when I was confronted with that reality for the first time, admittedly, it was terrifying.

"(But) I've experienced the same thing as well, where you hear a record, it sounds like there's a lot going on, you want to hear what the musician has to say about it, and then they refuse to say anything or they get defensive, like: 'How would you like it if I asked you that question?'

"Well, you're putting yourself out there. Not me. I mean, it's ridiculous. So I feel that, in being a professional and having offered this thing up, I gotta be accountable for it and talk about it and support it."

As he prepared for interviews he figured would be emotionally trying, Terfry revisited the album and the feelings that inspired it — a strange experience, given that he is miles away from that headspace now.

In writing, the Halifax-born Terfry wanted to reflect his surroundings as he worked, spending most of his waking hours in his dark, empty house (literally empty, he points out, since his wife had taken her stuff with her when she left).

So aside from occasional excursions — for instance, super-silly dance-pop tune Super Pretty Naughty, crafted in concert with Swedish producer Marten Tromm, and the softly sung piano-pop tune Superhero in My Heart — the songs are busy, electronic and reflect his desire for an album that sounded "cold."

"As I have the tour looming ahead of me, I'm questioning, will I be able to perform these songs at all? Is a bar on a Friday night the right setting for a song like Baby Blanket? Is that what people want at midnight on a Friday?" he mused, referencing perhaps the album's most affecting track, seemingly written about the faded possibility of expanding the family.

"People have been granting me permission to do it," he added later. "I think they can appreciate that it takes some bravery on my part to do it. I made this thing and I have to go out and ... run this thing out there on the road.

"So this will be what this year is in an exercise: How much guts do I have?"

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Raw emotion

"I made the songs without really considering consequences ... I wasn't even really thinking about the idea that people would hear it eventually."

Musician Rich Terfry, on what he's calling his "divorce album"

Flip side

Ex-wife liked the album, but only once

For those wondering about what his ex makes of all this soul-baring, well, you're not alone; Terfry wondered, too.

As he describes the initial breakup — on the album, on his website, in person — he came home from work to find his wife's wedding ring along with a note reminding him to feed the cat. By that point she was already on a plane heading elsewhere, and she didn't come back. He hasn't seen her face in years.

They did talk in the aftermath of the split, though, a daily indulgence that was both "comforting" and "detrimental." Although they eventually worked away from that regular communication, Terfry still felt as though he needed her to hear Neverlove.

"I was terrified to send it to her," he said, noting that some of the angriest songs were ultimately cut. "Some of them were tough — really, really angry. Anger directed sometimes at myself but sometimes at her.

"She's really smart. When I first met her, she was in school studying art history. She has this appreciation for art, and she already liked my music.

"I give her credit for (saying): 'I can put (aside) my own feelings about things to say I think you did some really good work here, but I can also see you're working through some things and that's good, you need to do that.'"

If she was hurt, he insisted, "the only thing she said was, 'I'm glad you sent that to me and I'm glad I heard it, but I don't think I'll be able to listen to that one again.'

"But it was important to me for her to hear it first," he explained. "And I hesitate to say (it was) to get her approval, but in a way, deep down, maybe that's what I was looking for. If she said, 'I'm not OK with this,' I'm not sure I would have been able to go on ahead and share it with everyone."

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Comedian goes for guts and glory

Lady Parts. Andrea Martin discusses battle with bulimia, flying on a trapeze in new book

Here's a tip for the next time you bump into Andrea Martin: Don't forget to spit out your gum.

It turns out she suffers from misophonia — the dislike of small, irritating common noises, such as magazine pages turning or water dripping. Or gum chewing. But she's way too polite to be nasty about it.

The Tony- and Emmy-winning comedian reveals that and plenty more in her book Andrea Martin's Lady Parts, a series of essays that discuss her childhood, her career and a slightly mad devotion to her hairdresser.

Among the other revelations: She battled bulimia. She's scared of heights. She had a 28-year-old lover when she was 57. She keeps tubes of makeup forever. And there's one truly shocking confession: She's not Canadian. Martin was born in Portland, Maine, and fell in love with Canada during a visit in 1970.

In her book, Martin, 67, talks about being on SCTV alongside the likes of Eugene Levy, John Candy and Catherine O'Hara, and what it was like to be in Pippin on Broadway.

You come clean about not being Canadian in this book?
I do! I actually feel like I have the personality of a Canadian, which is self-effacing and apologetic. I guess maybe that's why I fit in there. I never meant to lie. People with television sets propelled me into the lie. I kept it going.

It's less a memoir than a collection of stories, right?
They said explicitly, 'We don't want a memoir.' That was a relief because I couldn't remember even my middle name so I can't possibly write a memoir. But I can write about squirrels in my attic because that happened five minutes ago.

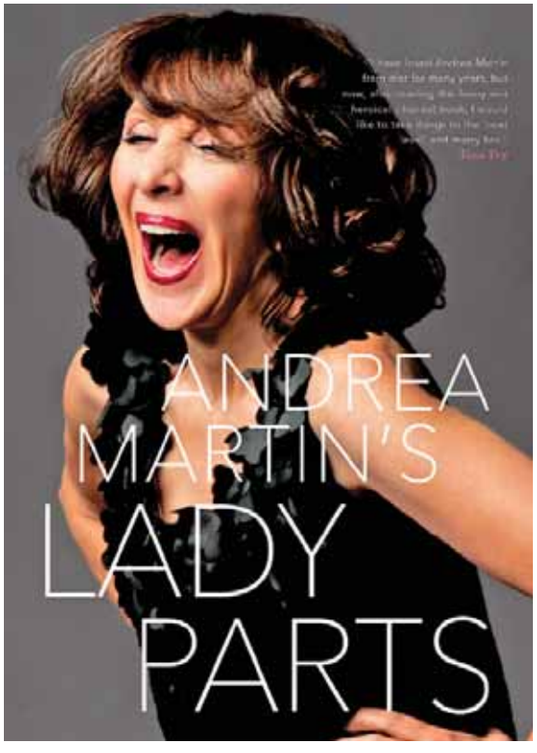
Was there anything that was hard to write?
Yes, the piece on bulimia. I started writing it and it poured out of me. I wouldn't be able to talk about myself without addressing that because it was such a big part of my life. Really, it was for my sons. I thought, 'How could I possibly be hypocritical in my desire for them to be authentic when I can't be?'

In Pippin, you attacked a trapeze like a trained acrobat. Did you astonish yourself by what you could do?
I think it's great to surprise yourself all the time, but that's not what fuelled me. Really what fuelled me was the pure joy of being in a circus ensemble, something I'd dreamed of all my life. I've always been fascinated by the darker side of the circus — the sideshows, the world that Federico Fellini creates. I studied mime in Paris, for God's sake! I was just so joyful that I got to live out a fantasy.

One chapter you seem to have had the hardest time writing was about SCTV. Why?
My biggest barrier was my sense of responsibility to my cast mates. I wanted to represent them in a truthful way. And part of me wanted to keep it private. It was such a unique time. We were on our own, underground, creating 17 hours a day in these studios in Edmonton. We relied on one another and it almost felt like an intrusion to now welcome other groups of people in. I wanted to keep it special. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shocking confession

"I actually feel like I have the personality of a Canadian."
Andrea Martin comes clean about not being Canadian



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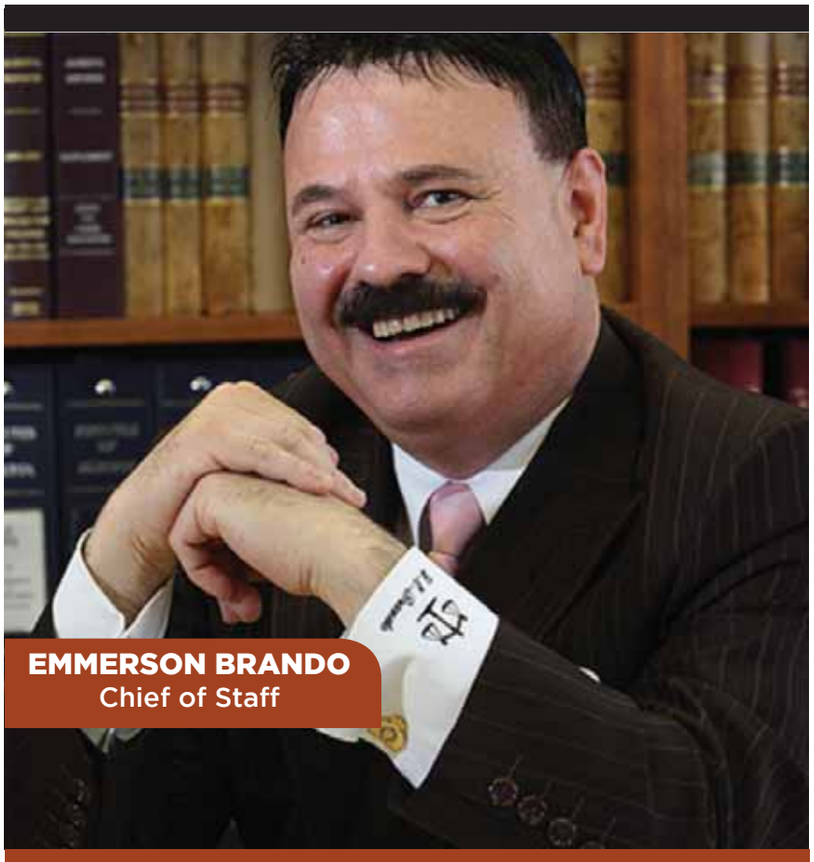

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3 songs for the weekend

A torrent of Thom Yorke, a song title for the ages and a smashing homage to a beloved car

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Brain in a Bottle/ Thom Yorke

The Radiohead front-man surprised every-one a week ago by releasing an eight-song solo record entitled Tomorrow's Modern Boxes as a paid Bit-Torrent download. Of course, it was immedi-ately pirated and made available through BitTorrent.

Sesame Street Meat/The Melvins

C'mon. How can you not be curious about a song with this title? I'm sure the Children's Television Workshop is very flattered that The Melvins and a couple of Butthole Surfers penned this one.

Mabu/PUP

This one is best seen as well as heard, because PUP sacrifices one of their own cars to make the video for this song. I hope they were at least able to claim a tax deduction.

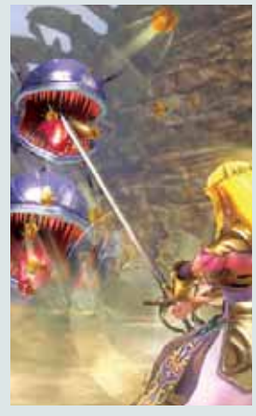
Video game review

Name. Hyrule Warriors

For. Nintendo Wii U

Rated. Teen

Sprawling armies face each other like clashing oceans in this game, where, as a hero from the Zelda series, you are the tide, sending out waves of attack that set monsters tumbling head over claws. It's a cool effect repeated to button-mashing ad nauseam, with just enough strategy and upgrades to keep it going. It's unusually fully-breasted, but then this is a mash-up between Tecmo, known for such things, and Nintendo, most certainly not.



Fans have wanted an older, more teenage Link, but not quite like this. **KRIS ABEL**

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Charlie Sheen ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Charlie Sheen armed to the teeth for dental appointment gone wrong

Nobody likes going to the dentist, but this is ridiculous. Charlie Sheen is reportedly being investigated for claims of assault with a deadly weapon after a dental appointment went awry, according to Radar Online.

Sheen brought his own dentist along with him for a procedure on an abscess but apparently had a change of heart about the man, as the Anger Management star supposedly pulled a knife on him. He also lashed out at a female dental technician when she tried to administer nitrous oxide, which just doesn't sound like Sheen at all.

Sheen's bodyguard reportedly informed the dentist that the actor had been under the influence of an illicit substance at the time of the incident. You know, the usual.

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Charlize takes diva rep out for another spin

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Maybe Charlize Theron should just stick to using a personal trainer. After making headlines this summer for diva behaviour at a SoulCycle spin class, including being rude to Tia Mowry, the Oscar-winner has reportedly moved to a new workout location — but her attitude hasn't changed.

"She always arrives late to class with a scowl on her face and has the nerve to ask people who are already settled on their bikes to switch," a spin classmate at West Hollywood's Crunch gym tells In Touch of Theron. "She always causes a scene. People know to steer clear of her."

Again, why is someone of Theron's stature and fame even taking classes like this if they cause her such clear displeasure? Isn't the whole point of being rich and famous that you don't have to mix with the normals?

Jason Sudeikis

Hollywood gives Angry Birds their best slingshot

Is Angry Birds still a thing? Hollywood certainly hopes so, as the film version of the biggest mobile game of 2012 is rolling forward. In fact, Jason Sudeikis, Bill Hader, Maya Rudolph and Peter Dinklage have all signed on to voice characters in the animated film adaptation, according to the Hollywood Reporter. But hey, at least Angry Birds is a fresher idea than a Tetris movie, which was just announced. Maybe Hollywood is finally ready for my gritty adaptation of the game Minesweeper.

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Meatballs: The original spaghetti topper

Back to basics. This version of the Italian fave can be made ahead

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Chef Ricardo
Ricardo Magazine

The secret to a successful supper? Just add meatballs!

This version is ultra-tasty and, even better, can be made ahead and stored in the freezer. It is perfect to pull out on an extra-hectic evening.

This recipe serves four. COURTESY RICARDOCUISINE.COM

Meatballs

1. With the rack in the middle position, preheat the oven to 450 F (230 C). Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil. Oil lightly. Set aside.

2. In a large bowl, combine bread crumbs and milk. Set aside.

3. In a saucepan over medium heat, soften the leek, garlic, pepper flakes and fennel in the oil for about 10 minutes. Pour into the bowl with the bread crumb mixture. Let cool. Add the meat and egg and mix thoroughly. Season with salt and pepper. Shape into four large meatballs and place on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until the meatballs are cooked through and golden brown. If needed, finish cooking under the broiler, about 2 or 3 minutes.

Tomato Sauce

1. Meanwhile, in a skillet, brown the garlic in the oil. Add the strained tomatoes. Cook for about 5 minutes or until the sauce thickens. Remove the garlic. Season with salt and pepper. Add the basil and meatballs.

Ingredients

Meatballs
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) Japanese panko bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) milk
- 1 cup (250 ml) finely chopped leek
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) crushed red pepper flakes, or to taste
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) fennel seeds, ground
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) olive oil
- 1 lb (454 g) ground meat mixture (veal, beef and pork)
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- Salt and pepper

Tomato Sauce
- 1 clove garlic, lightly crushed
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) strained tomatoes (or canned crushed tomatoes)
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) chopped basil

Spaghetti
- 3/4 lb (375 g) spaghetti
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese

Spaghetti

1. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook the spaghetti al dente. Drain and toss with a little sauce.

2. When ready to serve, divide spaghetti among 4 plates. Make cavity in centre of pasta. Top with large meatball, add remaining sauce, sprinkle with cheese. **FOLLOW RICARDO ON SOCIAL MEDIA & ON RICARDOCUISINE.COM OR SUBSCRIBE TO HIS MAGAZINE'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH LAUNCHED IN SEPT!**

Liquid Assets

Dear modern whiskey lovers

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Once the tipple of older men in smoking jackets, whiskey has attracted a much wider audience over the last few years as more countries produce it.

While this modern breed of whiskey lover can be as snobby as his wine counterparts, as a group, whiskey aficionados helped elevate one style in particular to superstar status.

I'm talking American bourbon: a spirit made with at least 51 per cent corn and a favourite of the mint julep-sipping residents of the southern states.

The term bourbon can be used by any American whiskey producer in the U.S. Most don't, allowing the distillers in Kentucky (where it originated) some exclusivity to the name.

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YYC Comedy

This is your last chance to check out YYC Comedy, which ends Oct. 4. If you need your funny bone tickled, then clear your schedule and plan to attend Friday and Saturday night. On Friday, you can catch the best of Calgary Standup All Stars, and on Saturday don't miss the YYC Comedy Festival Gala at the Jubilee Auditorium featuring award-winning acts that will have you doubled over in tears. So much more rewarding than watching reruns of Seinfeld. yycomedy.ca

PARKLUXE Is Back

One of the best things happening in October is the PARKLUXE fashion show. This year, the fun and fashion goes down at the Riverwalk Plaza in East Village on Oct. 4, with designers like Caitlin Power, Laura Siegel, Malorie Urabnovitch, Workhall Boutique and Paul Hardy design. The opening reception starts at 7 p.m. followed by two seated runway shows and a pop-up shop to follow. Tickets are still available and selling fast as this is a hot pick for many Calgary YPs, trendsetters and people about town. ourparkonline.ticketleap.com

Othello

There are few things more entertaining than Shakespeare — you can always count on drama, revenge, star-crossed lovers and some serious betrayal. Until Oct. 11, you can catch the classic play Othello that tells the story of a man in Venice who is unravelled by the traitorous villain Iago. Often credited for being a play that examines the politics of race, you won't forget this play anytime soon. For show times, click here: shakspearecompany.com

Oktoberfest

If there's one thing that all Calgarians love, it's a beer hall. And lucky for you, from now until Oct. 13, Wurst is doing Oktoberfest with more events than your social calendar can handle. There will be live oompa bands, Jägermeister parties and Red Bull DJs to put a spin on the traditional festivities. For all the details, visit the website and get ready to party Munich-style. Lederhosen aren't required, but it might make the whole experience more fun. wurst.ca

Cleaver

As of last month, Cleaver became the new kid on the block on 17th Ave. – and so far this little spot is making waves. With only 46 seats, you can expect classic Irish cuisine with a modern take. If sharing plates are your thing, then you'll love this place. Next time you need a cool place to impress friends of family, definitely take them here. Just remember: There's no sign, so look for the giant cleaver posted outside the main doors (524 17th Avenue SW) cleavercalgary.com

Phantom of the Opera

It's hard to believe October is here, but for those of you already thinking about Halloween, this one's for you. What better way to start Hallows' Eve than by watching the classic 1925 film Phantom of the Opera? Presented at Knox United Church with an organist improvising the background music, it's possible you'll be too terrified to enjoy your movie snacks. Tickets are $15 and the screening will start at 9 p.m. on the 31st. All we can say is that you're super-fortunate there's an organ festival going on this week. calgaryculture.com

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Football-crazed fan base nothing new to Doege

CFL. QB from Texas familiar with pressure from playing in a pigskin-first community

Quarterback Seth Doege says he's ready to make his first pro start when the Roughriders face the Stampeders on Friday night in Regina. BRENT JUST/GETTY IMAGES

The Friday night lights will shine again on Seth Doege.

The San Angelo, Texas, product, who was a high school and college quarterback sensation in the Lone Star State, will start his first CFL game with the Saskatchewan Roughriders (9-4) on Friday at Mosaic Stadium against the league's top team, the Calgary Stampeders (11-2).

The 25-year-old rookie said his upbringing has prepared him well for his first pro start.

"The Rider Nation fan base reminds me a lot of big time football in Texas just because people are crazy about it here and they love it and have a lot of passion for it," Doege said. "In Texas, all of the movies you've seen, it's pretty similar. If you're winning, anyway, that's what it's like."

Doege grew up in a community in rural Texas where high school football on Friday nights mattered. His father was a high school coach, and that meant the game was introduced to him at an early age.

Doege was the starter of his west Texas high school team in his freshman and sophomore years. Knee injuries derailed his junior and senior seasons, but Doege still drew interest from nearby Texas Tech University.

Doege blossomed into a star his junior year with the Red Raiders, as he set an NCAA Division I record for completion percentage in a game (90.0 per cent, on 40 of 44 pass attempts). His 4,004 passing yards that year ranked eighth in the nation.

His senior season was even better. He was named the MVP of the Meineke Car Care Bowl and finished in the top three in the country in passing yards (4,205 yards) and touchdown passes (39).

Sputtering offence

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The Riders have scratched out just 38 points in their last three games.

Doege said he accepts the added pressures and responsibilities associated with being the starting quarterback in a football-crazed community.

"In college, you get used to it," he said. "When you go to a big school, you're playing in front of 60,000 or 70,000 fans each and every week, especially in a big-time conference. You get used to the crowd and you love it. That's part of it, that's part of being the quarterback. You get all the love when things are good and all the blame when things are bad. That's part of the job description." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Week 15 pick

Stampeders at Roughriders, Friday, 8 p.m.

The Calgary Stampeders can become the first CFL team to cement a playoff berth this weekend.

Calgary visits the Saskatchewan Roughriders needing a win or Winnipeg Blue Bombers loss to clinch a spot in the postseason.

The Stampeders have been a model of consistency this season despite injuries to a number of their starters, most notably running back Jon Cornish, quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell and rush end Charleston Hughes.

Cornish returned to the lineup last weekend following a one-game absence but had missed six contests earlier in the season with a concussion. Mitchell (knee, ankle) and Hughes (leg) were both hurt in Calgary's 40-33 comeback win over Toronto on Sept. 13 and neither will play against Saskatchewan, meaning Drew Tate will remain under centre.

Rene Paredes booted four field goals and Calgary's defence registered two interceptions to anchor a 14-7 win last Sunday over the B.C. Lions.

Pick — Calgary.

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Backlund back on the healthy track

Flames. Medical staff approves of centre returning to the ice following an abdominal injury

Following treatment for an abdominal injury, Flames centre Mikael Backlund is back on the ice and could be ready to play in the season opener. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

Calgary Flames head coach Bob Hartley says he's sleeping easier where Mikael Backlund is concerned.

When an NHL coach candidly tells reporters, "I'm worried," which is what Hartley said earlier in training camp about Backlund, antennas go up.

An abdominal injury has kept Backlund out of all of Calgary's pre-season games so far, including Thursday's game at home against the Winnipeg Jets. It's doubtful the 25-year-old Swede will play in Calgary's final exhibition game Saturday in Winnipeg.

Backlund was Calgary's first-line centre for much of last season. A team that must squeeze every last goal out of its roster in 2014-15 will need all hands on deck when the Flames open the season Wednesday at home against the Vancouver Canucks.

Backlund stopped skating and dryland training for a few days during camp, but has returned to the ice and the gym. Hartley was feeling more encouraged about Backlund than he was a week ago.

"When you have a guy in the gym or in the medical room and his injury seems to be stalled and not moving forward, you always get worried," Hartley said Thursday. "Backs has the OK from the medical staff. He feels better. This morning he was flying on the ice.

"Now he's back in the gym, he's on the ice, so now we're re-starting him. I'm delighted now."

Backlund arrived at Flames training camp feeling sore from off-season training in Sweden.

The six-foot, 198-pound forward became uneasy about the possibility the injury required surgery.

"It didn't go away. It got worse," Backlund said. "A week ago, we weren't sure what was going to happen.

"I went to see the doctor and got good news and got some good treatment and that's why it's been turning around and feeling a lot better."

Backlund skated this week with other injured players, but is expected to participate in full practice Friday. Hartley hopes he'll be ready for the season opener. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2013-14 stats

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Backlund started slowly last season with two goals and six assists in his first 25 games. Backlund picked up the pace to finish with 18 goals and 21 assists for 39 points in 79 games.

Senators. Ryan signs on for seven more years

Ottawa better get used to the name Bobby Ryan, because the Senators locked up the top-line winger Thursday to a seven-year contract extension worth $50.75 million.

Ryan said the city has "embraced" him since he was traded from Anaheim a year ago and he knew right away Ottawa was a place he wanted to call home for a long time.

"We felt that we had found the place we could start a family, call home and everything that we have experienced here in the last year has hinted at all of that," said Ryan.

"Speaking from my point of view, it was almost a no-brainer for us."

Ryan tallied 23 goals and 48 points in 70 games during his first year as a Senator, but with four 30-plus goal seasons under his belt, the Senators feel Ryan will become a focal point with the club.

"Since acquiring Bobby in July of last year, we have had the opportunity to see first-hand the type of player he is on the ice, as well as his leadership and professionalism off the ice," said Senators owner Eugene Melnyk during a news conference Thursday.

"He is truly the type of player we want to build our team around."

The long-term contract will take Ryan through to the 2022 season, but it's more than just keeping him around to put pucks in the net. The signing gives the Senators a higher profile in the market as a team willing to spend bigger bucks on bigger contracts.

"We are trying to do things that show that this team is a secure team and then we just have to add to it as we go forward," said Senators GM Bryan Murray.

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Aye aye, captain

The Sens were also busy on Thursday in naming star defenceman Erik Karlsson as the ninth captain in franchise history.

2022 Winter Games

No new bidding process: IOC

The International Olympic Committee will not reopen the bidding process for the 2022 Winter Games after Oslo's withdrawal left just two cities in the race, IOC President Thomas Bach told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Oslo, the fourth city to do it, dropped out of the bidding on Wednesday. Beijing and Almaty, Kazakhstan, are the only two remaining candidates.

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Turf war lawsuit

FIFA, CSA have a week to respond

The Ontario Human Rights Tribunal has told FIFA and the Canadian Soccer Association it has a week to respond to a bid by a group of elite players for an expedited hearing on whether using artificial turf at the 2015 Women's World Cup is discriminatory.

The players' lawyer applauded the tribunal's move, made just one day after the legal brief was filed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Detroit Tigers relief pitcher Joba Chamberlain leaves the mound in the eighth inning against the Baltimore Orioles during Game 1 of baseball's AL Division Series in Baltimore, Thursday. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Orioles smash Tigers in 8th

ALDS Game 1.
Twelve runs make for post-season Baltimore record

The way Nelson Cruz and the Baltimore Orioles are hitting this season, it may not matter much who pitches for the other guys.

Cruz and J. J. Hardy homered, and the Orioles hammered out 12 hits in defeating Cy Young Award winner Max Scherzer and the Detroit Tigers 12-3 Thursday in the opener of their AL Division Series.

Jonathan Schoop and Alejandro De Aza each had two hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, who turned a close game into a rout with an eight-run eighth inning against Scherzer and three ineffective relievers.

The 12 runs set a post-season record for Baltimore, making its second playoff appearance since 1997.

Game 2 of the best-of-five series is Friday at Camden Yards. Justin Verlander, the second of three straight Cy Young winners the Orioles will face, is set to go against left-hander Wei-Yin Chen.

Verlander must avoid the mistakes made by Scherzer, who allowed five runs and seven hits in 7-1/3 innings. The right-hander was 18-5 during the regular season, but in this one he was burned by the long ball and outpitched by the Orioles.

"I just left too many pitches up," Scherzer said. "This is a great-hitting ballclub. You give them a chance to extend their arms, they can really hit it. I've got to find a way to get the ball down. I wasn't quite able to do that tonight, and I paid for it."

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Royals vs. Angels

Go to metronews.ca for the result of Game 1 in the ALDS between the Kansas City Royals and the Los Angeles Angels.

Tennis

Bouchard makes it into WTA Finals

Canada's Eugenie Bouchard qualified for the upcoming WTA Finals when seventh-seeded Angelique Kerber of Germany lost her third-round match at the China Open on Thursday.

Bouchard, who suffered an upset loss to Germany's Sabine Lisicki in the second round, locked up a berth in the season-ending tournament when Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova completed a 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 victory over Kerber.

The WTA Finals features the tour's top eight players. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Historic Koreas soccer match

Hosts South Korea got a late goal from Rim Chang-woo to beat North Korea 1-0 in extra time on Thursday in the men's soccer final at the Asian Games. Scan the image with your Metro News app for more scenes from the historic match in Incheon, South Korea. PRAKASH SINGH/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
A relationship needs sorting out. Be totally honest about your emotions, even if you fear it may hurt someone's feelings. How they react will tell you a lot about your long-term prospects.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There may be many things that you could change for the better but is it worth it if, in doing so, you have to change habits and routines? Only you can decide.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
What exactly is it that you most desire? You need to be as specific as you can if you are to have any real hope of making your dream come true.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will find yourself attracted to an idea that is unusual over the next 24 hours. That's OK. Even people as traditional as you have moments when their minds leap to a higher level.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't waste time worrying that what you have to say might make you unpopular. You have an important message to convey and personal feelings cannot get in the way.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You want to forgive someone who made a mistake but you know they'll likely make the same mistake again. Act tough, even though you don't feel it.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You were too critical of a partner, but it's better in this instance to say too much than to not say enough. They value your judgment, so what you said will have a positive effect.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The best way to handle a delicate situation is to be brutal. That may sound wrong but the planets indicate you've been pussy-footing round the issue.

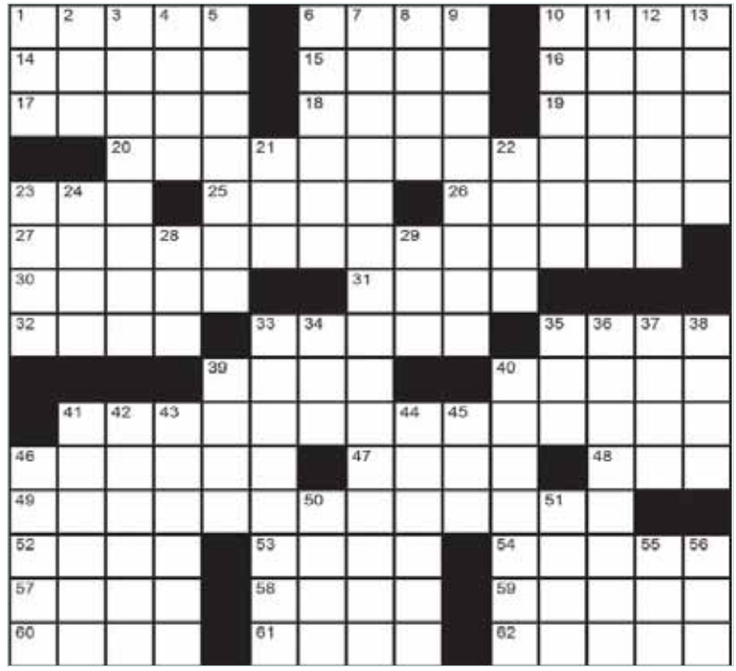
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you have something to say that you suspect won't go down well with certain people, speak up before communications planet Mercury turns retrograde tomorrow.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Your feelings about a career matter are spot on, so listen to your instincts. You may be swimming against the tide of opinion but everyone will come round to your way of thinking.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You have so much good fortune in your celestial bank account. When are you going to start spending some of it? Do it now!

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Say what you mean over the next 24 hours but be careful how you say it. With Mercury starting one of its retrograde phases if others don't like your tone you could make enemies.

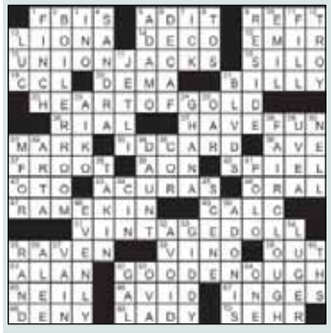
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Try, take _ __ at
6. Striped bugs
10. Navy vessel letters
14. Jewelled topper
15. Put cargo on board
16. "Amaaazing!!"
17. Spell caster
18. Lily kind
19. Scot's 'odd'
20. Subsidiary owner: 2 wds.
23. Granny: German
25. Move an __ (Budge)
26. Ms. Sobieski
27. Furry critter that glides from trees: 2 wds.
30. Have an __ __ grind
31. Pottery pieces
32. De __, Robert
33. __ Lumpur, Malaysia
35. Double __ Oreos
39. "Barton __" (1991)
40. Store a secret stash
41. Funny legend in the showbiz venture at #49-Across: 2 wds.
46. Marina inn
47. Subatomic particle
48. Critical
49. 1919: Movie studio co-founded by Canadian actress Mary Pickford: 2 wds.
52. Connecticut Ivy?
53. Sci-Fi frugivores
54. "I don't know where _____ I could have lost them?!" ...said the loser-of-keys
57. Slangy one-eighty turns
58. Medieval labourer
59. Sierra __
60. __-a-porter
61. Deer sorts
62. 'Brevity is the soul __ __.' - Shakespeare

Down
1. Runner, e.g.
2. German pronoun
3. Canada Revenue Agency ower
4. Place
5. Singer Fantasia
6. Funny voicer Mel's
7. The San Andreas Fault makes California what?: 2 wds.
8. Learning, little-ly
9. Noodles ingredient
10. Sitcom on Canadian comedian Norm MacDonald's resume, "A Minute with Stan __"
11. __ boosters (Spirits-lifters)
12. Actor Mr. Wilde
13. "Happy Baby" Canadian music trio
21. Sch. course
22. Ms. Vieira's, to pals
23. End Era link: 2 wds.
24. Caesar's 1061
28. "Who am _ __ say?"
29. Home page addr.
33. __ Badlands (Rough terrain located in southern Saskatchewan)
34. 'Mono' cousin
35. __ up (Absorb)
36. "The Social", for one: 2 wds.
37. "Ugly Betty" actor Michael
38. Big Apple blaze-fighting force
39. Costless
40. Harrison Ford role: 2 wds.
41. 1997 Nicolas Cage action flick: 2 wds.
42. "True Grit" (2010) actress Ms. Steinfeld
43. Certify
44. Halifax and Edmonton
45. __ polloi (Common people)
46. Purchase everything or whatever is left: 2 wds.
50. "One more thing..."
51. Not kosher
55. 'Pepper' suffix (Pizza topping)
56. Soaked

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

6	5						2	3
		7	2			9		
2			6		1			
5				4		6	9	
				7				
	7	8		6				5
			5		9			6
		1			3	8		
9	3						4	1

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	2	6	9	4	7	8	5	1
1	9	7	8	2	5	4	3	6
5	8	4	1	3	6	2	9	7
7	5	3	6	8	4	1	2	9
8	4	2	5	1	9	7	6	3
9	6	1	3	7	2	5	4	8
2	1	8	4	6	3	9	7	5
6	7	5	2	9	8	3	1	4
4	3	9	7	5	1	6	8	2

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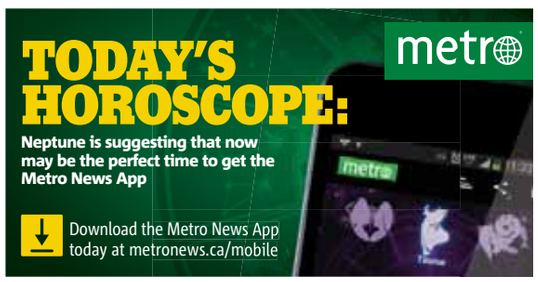
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